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First Christian Church

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Fort Wayne, IN January 5, 1994 744-3239

No. 1

Attention all youth! Grades 6-12

This Sunday we will meet at 6 p.m. at the church to gear-up for the spring youth Sunday, lock-in, skiing are some of items we will discuss.

Come and bring a friend.

Creative Arts - Grades 1-5

We will meet this Sunday also at 6 p.m. We will have some fun and exciting things for the spring, so don't miss it!

Parents — since you will be transporting them, we need your support to see that they are there on Sunday evenings.

Youth Council will meet at 5 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 9, 1994. We need everyone there!

A.B.I.L. News

I know some of you are lost in 700 B.C. or in the time of David & Solomon, but TAKE HEART!

Even if you're behind, you can get A FRESH START.

This Sunday we will begin to study the Prophets.

So if you're behind, start there and join us. We've had such good attendance all fall — let's keep it up.

During the last 30 minutes we'll watch a portion of the videotape on the Dead Sea Scrolls that Bill Franklin will bring to us.

See you there!

-Diane Zehr

Drama group to resume

After the holidays, we will start-up our drama group on Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

We will be working on different vignettes that we might use in our worship services.

From Here to Zehr-

Happy New Year! One of my resolutions in 1994 will be to make sure my robe will not catch on fire. If you missed the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, you missed a hot time!

I hope one of your resolutions this year was to be in worship on Sundays in January. Let's get ourselves on the best spiritual footing to begin this year. Another resolution might be to find a way to become more connected to the church. The more we are involved with a small group in the church, the more we will feel a part of the community. As we are connected to the community this will help us deepen our faith.

If you are looking for a way to become

Southside Futuring Conference Update

Anyone who is interested in being a part of the building-up of the southside of Fort Wayne is invited to a follow-up meeting of the South Side Futuring Conference to be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Jan. 8 at South Side High School.

We will bring back information that was discussed at the four forums this fall.

Those four areas of emphasis are Bank & Realtors, Youth & Families, Media & Image, and Community Building.

We will set specific tasks that we can work together for the next nine months.

more connected to the church, let me invite you to our "Newcomers" class that meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. I lead this class for anyone who is new to the church or new to Sunday School but wants to deepen their faith. We meet in the Parlor which is through the north doors of the Sanctuary.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Thanks to Dennis Steckley for preaching for me last Sunday. I look forward to being in the pulpit with a "Hot" sermon - no tights though, sorry!

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<u>Walter Bowen</u> is home recovering from cataract surgery.

Ruth Plummer is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

<u>Lillian Busse</u> had cataract surgery and is recovering at home.

Bill Kerley is a patient at St. Joseph.

Call the church office (744-3239) if you have a Joy or Concern.

Be generous and help the poor

to give \$3000 to Associated churches. This people in our neighborhood. enabled them to meet the \$20,000 matching grant from the Lincoln Life Insurance Co. Yours in Christ,

Some churches desinate one Sunday a Wes month as Food Bank Day. We would like to do the same at First Christian. The second Sunday of each month we ask that you bring a bag of groceries to church and leave it in the narthex. If we all get into the habit of bringing food one Sunday a month it will go a long way toward keeping the food bank stocked. All food items are helpful, but the items most needed are peanut butter, tuna, soup, fruit, vegetables, spaghetti sauce, pastas and crackers. Personal items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, and deoderants are also appreciated. If it isn't convenient to bring food, cash is always welcome for the purchase of bread and the maintenance fee on items obtained at Comunity Harvest.

Please let's all get involved in the food banks effort to help our less fortunate neighbors. It's human nature to want to help those in trouble, but it is easy to forget when you don't actually see those in need.

Un-hanging the greens

We will take down the Christmas decorations this Saturday, Jan. 8 beginning at 9 a.m. If you can help for an hour or two, please come.

Thanks to your contributions and those We at the food bank see the need and of other churches in our area we were able remind you that there are many hungry



Community Harvest is honored to receive your gift from First Christian Church. Your congregation's giving for the first permanent regional food bank distribution and program center will provide food, health, and hope. appreciate your many contributions for the poor and needy.

Gratefully, The Board, Staff, & Volunteers

My thanks to the Rev. Jerry Zehr for calling on me, and also to Evelyn Yeoman for her phone calls. It means so much just to know someone cares. May F.C.C. and all within have a very good 1994 -- Peace and less violence.

-Lucille Branstrator

We'd like to thank all who sent cards and remembered us which made our Christmas! Thanks!!

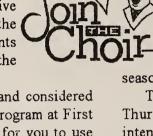
-Don & Vee Parlette

The Relunctant Angel (Musician) reminder

On Christmas Eve we heard and witnessed the story of the reluctant Angel. Ultimately, the angel was given a second change to live life on earth with the instructions to use his talents for the Lord. In this case, the talent was singing.

I hope that you heard and considered this message. The music program at First Christian is the ideal way for you to use your talents. Both the Chancel Choir and the Carillon Choir are ready to welcome you with open arms.

The Chancel Choir rehearses Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Child care



can be provided upon request. While we welcome all voices, we could especially use tenors and basses.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call. This is the perfect time to join as we enter a new

season of music.

The Carillon Choir rehearses Thursday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. We intend to grow from two to three octaves but **need one more bell ringer**.

Could this be you? I hope so.

First Chirstian has a rich tradition of music. With your participation, it will continue.

Faith Fellowship class to study Campolo book

Faith Fellowship class meets from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

They are studying a book by Tony Campolo called <u>Hot Potatoes for Christians</u> to Discuss.

This weeks topic is — should women be in the pulpit and in ministry?

To lead the class, Rev. Diane Zehr will present some information and then we will have a discussion format

Happy Birthday!!!

January 15 - 21

Diane Zehr (15), Jeff Young (15) Michael Mullen (15), Melissa Chapin (15), Martha Bier (15), Calvin Jones (17), Jack Williams (17), Sue Brickley (18), David Alexander (19), Chip Olson (19), Jan Nunn (19), Mark Snyder (20), James Plummer (21), Daniel Auer (21), Jim Bushey (21), Heath Hudlow (21).

OPPS...Tameka Anderson had a birthday on January 5 and we missed it!!!

"Un-hanging the Greens" - Jan. 8 at 9 a.m.

New Year Resolutions for Parents

By Pat Gardner, Minneapolis Tribune
I will try to establish firm guidelines and provide loving
encouragement for my children.

I will show my children that they are capable by not doing for them what they are able to do for themselves.

I will try to accept the challenge of each child's unique temperament and individual special needs.

I will allow myself room for growth and change because every parent makes mistakes.

I will take the time to enjoy every age and stage without wishing a day away.

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I will protect them from danger and advocate for children's rights, but will gradually teach my children to assume reponsibility for themselves.

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I will take advantage of opportunities to nurture my children.

I will provide myself with frequent outings and freedom from the reponsibilities of parenting — for all our sakes.

I will try to catch them doing something right evey day, and reinforce them for appropriate behaviors.

I will have fun with my children and try not to let the inevitable worries and doubts cloud over the joys of parenthood.

I will let my children know every day that they are loved.

Happy New Year!!!

SERVING JANUARY 9 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ohneck & R. Church 10:45 a.m. D. Kreischer & R. Krull

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. N. Knappenberger, M. Hutchinson, K. Blocher, J. Young

10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, J. Mounsey, B. Kelly, A. Moll, M. Miller, J. McGrew, J. Smelser, L. Heimann

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Davis, D. Graham 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, G. Miller, C. Falbe, E. Vandergriff

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ACOLYTES

Melissa Brey & Jamie Bushey

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Julia Arnold

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Dave & Deb Rinker
Team II - John Truesdell & Bob Smith
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Jack Weicker 10:45 a.m. Barbara Bond

CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 a.m. Worship Committee - Un-Hanging of the Greens 9:00 a.m. S.S. Conference Reports at S.S.H.S.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:15 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Council
6:00 p.m. Creative Arts
6:00 p.m. Mighty Disciple Youth
6:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle at Hainan
House for lunch and then
back to the church for lesson

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 p.m. LEAD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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All Around the Town luncheon Jan. 23

Are you lost, directionless this New Year?

Bring a salad, vegetable, and/or a dessert to share and find your way home at our "All Around the Town" fellowship luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 23, following the second worship service. The Fellowship Committee will provide the sandwiches.

We'll eat at one of four spaces in the fellowship hall depending on whether you live on the north, south, east or west side of Fort Wayne.

You may get acquainted with a new friend who lives near you or enjoy fellowship with those you already know.

The Fellowship Hall will be decorated into the following areas:

Northern Exposure, Wild Wild West, The Historical East, and the Sunny South.

Come join the fun!



"All Around the Town"
Jan. 23 after 2nd service

Drama group to meet

The drama group will start-up again this Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

We will work on different vignettes that we might use in our worship services.

Attention All Youth (Grades 6-12) Important activity info inside...

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From Here to Zehr-

"[People] make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

-Harry S. Truman

Are you someone who is willing to seize opportunities in your life to change things for the better?

Are we as a church willing to let the Holy Spirit empower us to create our history and future.

On Monday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m., if you care about the growth and vitality of our church, I hope you will come to our evangelism task force meeting.

Frank Beckwith has agreed to chair this group as we will try to put together some important plans to create our future

Faith Fellowship Class continues study of book

On Sunday, Jan. 16, the Faith Fellowship Call will discuss Chapter 19 of 20 Hot Potatoes Christians are Afraid to Touch, which is "What should you do if your grown-up children are making decisions that ruin their lives?"

Please join us and share your faith as we consider contemporary concerns.

-Roger Moll

as First Christian Church for 1994.

Will you come and join in this exciting time in the life our church? See you Sunday.

Peace, Jerry

Joys once s

Our sympathy is extended to **Doyle** & **Bobbie Dawe** in the recent death of Bobbie's mother.

Barbara Bond had outpatient surgery this week.

Ruth Plummer is home recovering from back surgery at Parkview Hospital.

Glenn & Lola Miller are ill at home.

Walter Bowen is home.

Our sympathy is extended to **Bev & Bob Hendricks** in the recent death of Bev's mother, **Osie Guild**.

<u>Charline Craig's</u> son is in Australia where the fires are burning.

<u>Jewel Byrket</u> will have knee replacement surgery next Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Gladys Hoop will be 98 on her next birthday, which is Jan. 23.

18th General Edu-Care Conference

The 18th General Edu-Care will be held in three locations in February and March.

The conference will be held in Columbus, IN on Feb. 4-5; in Plymouth, IN on Feb. 11-12; and in Lansing, MI on March 18-19.

The purpose of General Edu-Care Conference is to provide specific leadership training opportunities for congregational leaders to enable them to discover the potential for creative service in their total church program.

Edu-Care is a unique learning

experience for church leaders — both lay and professional. A concentrated study of one subject area is offered each participant.

Unlike one-day or half-day events, approximately ten hours are spent in this two-day event in a Learning Group designed to offer both leadership development and personal growth.

Each attendant will select one Learning Group for four sessions. A complete list of Groups in available through the church office.

It should be noted that assignment to a Learning

Group is based on when the registration is received and availability.

The creative worship services also bring a special depth to the Edu-Care experience.

Because of the programming structure, part-time participation is not advisable.

Participants may commute or stay in lodging arranged by Edu-Care. Lodging facilities are double occupancy, with private rooms available.

Registration should be made as soon as possible or at least four weeks before the event you choose to attend.

The cost is \$85 (add \$10 if registrations are postmarked after Jan. 29 for the Plymouth event; Feb. 1 for the Columbus event; or March 1 for the Lansing event.

This cost includes a banquet Friday night and lunch on Saturday.

For more information, please call or stop in the church office or call the following coordinators: Columbus - Mary Anna Speller (812) 332-4459; Plymouth - Margaret Pletcher (219) 747-5252; or Lansing - Tom Jones (313) 742-2638.

EDU-CARE '94



The 18th General Edu-Care



Youth activity plans announced

Wake-up!

Here are some up-coming events you together. won't want to miss!

January 16 - this Sunday Roller-skating!



We will leave after church to get some lunch - Pizza?!? and then go roller-skating from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person plus money for lunch.

Parents can pick-up the youth at the church at 4:15 p.m.

January 23 - Next Sunday Pokagon!

Let's go down the Big Toboggan Ride

We will leave right after the second service. The cost is \$4 per person plus money for lunch.

Parents — we will return to the church by 6 p.m.

Plus...

A Lock-in will be held from 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4 to 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5. 13 hours of Sardines!!!

Plus, Plus...

Coming this Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Meet your new Sunday School teacher, <u>PAT MULLEN</u>

We hope this Sunday to welcome your new teacher. You'll be studying New Testament Bible Stories that Can Change Your Life.

D.M.A. plan trip to Lincoln Museum

Our January meeting was a lot of fun with some people really getting into the Bingo game!

Bud Ludwig and the Rev. Zehr kept on yelling Bingo all the time! They couldn't have won that many times! Congratulations to Alice Nulf for winning the overall! (If Bill Crouse

hadn't shown her she won maybe Bud Ludwig would have won that one too!)

Thanks goes to Sue & Jack Brickley for getting the Bingo game and prizes.

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, we will take a trip to the Lincoln Museum. This is one of the best Lincoln museums in the mid-west, so come and learn some interesting facts about one of our greatest presidents.

We will meet at the Country Buffet at 12 noon for lunch and then go to the museum.

Please call the church office for lunch reservations, so we will know how to set-up.

SERVING JANUARY 16 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. K. Graham & M. Hartman 10:45 a.m. S. Oden & D. Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. B. Hendricks, S. Knuckles, M. Arnold, J. Arnold

10:45 a.m. B. Glasgow, S. Zimmerman, B. Falbe, A. Moll, B. Smith, F. Beckwith, L. Bushey, G. Shirley

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, B. Miller, J. Bond, S. Brey

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Hatten - T. Hatten R. Krull - W. Klepfer S. Oden - K. Bushey D. Oden - A. Moll

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Miller, A. Moll, D. Rinker

ACOLYTES

Jamie Bushey & Jennifer Medlin EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Jean Sheets

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - J. Smelser & K. Taylor
Team II - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hutchinson 10:45 a.m. Charlotte Ewing

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CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts 6:00 p.m. Mighty Disciple Youth 6:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

Happy Birthday
Jan. 22-28

Charles Ewing(22), Harriett Cole(23), Gladys Hoop(23), Delores Keebortz(23), Mimi Westerfield(24), Sally Rudy(24), Dorothy Schmidt(25), Janet Weicker(25), Marilyn Rieke(25), Dorothy Green(27), Karen Bushey(27), Bill Kerley(28), Wade Smith(28), Mike Walsh(28)

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Get rid of your January Blues!

Special all church luncheon Sunday

Year?

our "All Around the Town" fellowship fellowship with those you already know. luncheon on Sunday, Jan. 23, following the second worship service into the following areas: The Fellowship Committee will provide the Exposure, Wild Wild West, The Historical sandwiches.

We'll eat at one of four spaces in the

Are you lost, directionless this New fellowship hall depending on whether you live on the north, south, east or west side of Bring a salad, vegetable, and/or a Fort Wayne. You may get acquainted with dessert to share and find your way home at a new friend who lives near you or enjoy

> The Fellowship Hall will be decorated East, and the Sunny South.

Come join the fun.

Women's retreat scheduled for Feb. 18-19

All women are invited for a weekend fellowship and fun at the Days' Inn from 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18 through 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Marilyn Hotz Indianapolis will speaking on the "Matthew 25 Connection". She has ministered to women in prison for 23 years and will

share her experiences as she helps us to see how some women can be imprisoned even though they are free and how other women are free even when imprisoned.

There will also be time to enjoy the indoor pool, sauna and exercise room.

The cost of the

retreat is \$25 (2 women per room) or \$10 for Saturday only. Breakfast will be provided. Lunch is extra. Please bring a snack to share

Contact Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 or Judy Mey at 493-3993, or the church office to register. Payment must be received by Friday, Feb. 11.

From Here to Zehr-

Do you really feel like you can make a difference? Sometimes we feel like the problems are too big for anyone to make a positive change.

In the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette there was an editorial about the commitment Mel Simon, owner of Southtown Mall, has made to rejuvenate the cities' second largest mall.

Simon stated that much of his decision to reinvest in the mall was because of the efforts of the Healthy cities project, the Southside Furturing Conference and the "Can do spirit" of the community on the southside.

The church can and should be an influence in helping to build our

community and help empower all people to take responsibility for their lives and their community. We, the Church, should not wait for the social agencies or government to take care of all of our ills in society.

If we preach this truth, then we need to have a hands on participation. Charlie Hatten has been appointed as our new outreach chairperson. I know Charlie will help us as a congregation continue to help us reach out as a church and not to just think of ourselves.

Yes, you can make a difference. Keep the Faith.

Peace, Jerry

Read this if you have youth at home

This Sunday, Jan. 23, the youth will head to Pokagon State Park for a fun

Special meeting Jan. 24

If you care about the growth and vitality of our congregation, then please come to the church Monday evening, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.

We want to brainstorm some ideas how we as a church can increase our efforts as a growing church. This will hopefully be an uplifting and enlighting discussion.

Please come.

afternoon of sledding and tobogganing. We will eat lunch after church (no cost) at the all church dinner and then go tobogganing.

The cost is \$4 per person.

<u>Parents</u> — we should return to the church by 5:45 p.m.

Then on **Sunday**, **Jan. 30** we will have a special activity right after church.

Lock-in *** Lock-in

From 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4 to 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5 we will have a lock-in at the church. We will have some fun and plan Youth Sunday.

Faith Fellowship Class outlines study of book

The Faith Fellowship Class convenes in the Fellowship Hall and will be discussing the following topics from the book. 20 Hot Potatoes Christians are Afraid to Touch.

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Jan</u>. <u>23</u>, Larry Brey will lead a discussoin on "When is it OK to tell the Doctor to pull the plug?" Following on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Jan</u>. <u>30</u>, Marlo Quick will lead a discussion on "How do we answer the challenge of AIDS?" Then on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Feb</u>. <u>6</u>, Judy Mey will cover the chapter "Is a lot of psychological counseling a waste of time?"

We invite you to join us to share your faith through discussion and fellowship.

-Roger Moll



Our thanks to the Revs. Jerry and Diane Zehr for their love and support during mother's illness and at the time of her death.

Also, thanks to all our friends at F.C.C. who visited, provided food or sent cards of condolances.

—Bob & Bev Hendricks & Julia and Mark Arnold

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Please remember the following people in your prayers.

Jo Franklin in the death of her father.

Bev Hendricks in the death of her mother.

Lauren Ewing in the death of her father.

Janet Myers in the death of her father.

Donald Smith is at home from the hospital.

Evelyn Yeoman is at St. Joe Hospital.

Fran Beckwith is at home from hospital.

Jewell Byrket is at Lutheran Hospital.

Mary King is at home recovering from eye surgery.

Wilma Miller is at home still recovering.

Ruth Plummer is at home recovering from surgery.

Barbara Bond is recovering from wrist surgery.

Jan. 25 -- Committee Chairpeople meet at 7 p.m. Committees will then meet at 7:30 p.m.

SERVING JANUARY 23 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. B. Hendricks & B. Johnson 10:45 a.m. D. Oden & J. Walsh

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay, A.

Knappenberger, C. Davis
10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, M. Rieke, E. Rieke,
D. Rinker, B. Kelly, J. Mey, J.

McGrew, L. Heimann

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, A. Cook 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, B. Glasgow, K. Place, D.J. Rinker

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ACOLYTES

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Marlo Quick

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Team I - Bob & Bev Hendricks Team II - Don & Sue Oden

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10:30 a.m. Drama Group

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship 12:00 noon All Around the Town Luncheon

CYF & Chi Rho will leave for Pokagon right after lunch

6:00 p.m. Creative Arts 6:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 p.m. Evangelism Task Force Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs 7:30 p.m. Committees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 p.m. LEAD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

Happy Birthday Jan. 29-Feb. 4

Martha Warner(30), Kathy Blocher(31), Bobbie Lindsay(1), Jim Sands(1), Judy Mey(2), Patricia Erdly(3), Ruth Yentes(4), Helen Lobdell(4), Wanda Hamm(4), Eric Mory(4)

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Tidings

First Christian Church

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Special dinner planned

Friends & newcomers invited on Feb. 6

Friends and newcomers to First Christian Church are invited to a special dinner on Sunday, Feb. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church.

We have enjoyed having you come to worship with us over the past year and would love for you to come and learn more about the ministry and beliefs of our church.

We will have a time for fellowship (getting to know each other), breaking bread (eating) and having some fun.

If you are interested in coming, please call the church at 744-3239 and make your reservation(s).

We hope to see you there!

Who shot President Abraham Lincoln?

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, the D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) is sponsoring a trip to the Lincoln Museum, in downtown Fort Wayne.

Everyone in in the church is invited to come.

We will meet at the Old Country Buffet at

Southtown at 12 noon for lunch and then go to the museum.

You do not need to make reservations for lunch. We will have a table set-up in the backroom. Just ask for the First Christian group.

Who shot Lincoln?



Candidates, Mentors & Parents meeting
Saturday, Feb. 5th from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

From Here to Zehr-

In this week's *Tidings*, I have included an article from the publication, "In His Steps."

Dr. Richard Hamm, our General Minister and President, speaks about his vision for the larger denomination.

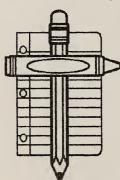
Some of the points he raises for the

larger church also apply to our local parish.

I hope this article will give you some good food for thought.

Peace, Jerry

F.C.C. youth to go investigating Sunday



During the last couple of weeks, the youth has had a great time with rollerskating and tobogganing!

This week we want to do another fun activity. We will become "Reporters" for Youth Sunday.

The youth will interview a number of our older members about their understanding of God, how their Faith has made a difference in their lives, and what they would want us of the younger generation to know about life. We will have lunch at the church on Sunday, Jan. 30, and then we will go investigating.

We should be done by approximately 3 p.m., so everyone can still watch the Super Bowl.

Don't forget!

You won't want to miss the Lock-in at the church starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4 and ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5.

A new version of "Sardines" will be played.

We also will begin to plan our Youth Sunday, March 13 and many other activities — will the man monster return?

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stories are put on the air and how we can help become better promoters of the "good news" of the southside.

Everyone is invited.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and support on the recent death of my father.

-Janet Myers

Many thanks to Jerry and Diane for their visit to the funeral home and to all who sent cards to us and our family during the death of my father. Also, thanks to the choir for the lovely flower arrangement from the choir.

-Jo & Bill Franklin

This letter is to thank you for the wonderful gifts you sent through the Christmas Bureau for one of our foster families. Elsie, Ralph, Wayne and Ted were thrilled to have so many gifts to open on Christmas and have been enjoying them since.

We all thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. The spirit of Christmas certainly was shown through your efforts.

—Jessica Keathley & Doug Bowman ARC caseworkers

P.S. Ralph is especially thrilled with his new hat and gloves. He points them out to everyone.

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Please remember the following people in your prayers.

Ruby Mowery is at home with a broken shoulder. Shannon & Andy Lutz in the miscarriage of their baby.

Mildred Hartman will have cataract surgery this week.

Evelyn Yeoman is home from St. Joe as is Jewel Byrket from Parkview.

Congratulations to <u>Dawn & Brad</u>
<u>May</u> in the birth of a baby boy born Jan.
18, 1994 weighing 9 lbs. 6 oz.

A.B.I.L. to make up class

The A.B.I.L. Bible Study group surveying the Old Testament will make up our missed class (due to weather) on this Sunday, Jan. 30 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. that way we can be home in time for the Super Bowl.

Happy Birthday!!!

Anne Moll (7), Elinor Place (7), Larry Brey (7), Ruth Truesdell (8), Nancy Smith (8), Betty Harter (9), Susan Knuckles (9), Sharon Ellis (9), Kenneth Place (10), Cheri Tobias (11), Marvin Crouse (11), & Kent Gaskill (11)

SERVING JANUARY 30 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. C. Ludwig & B. Crouse 10:45 a.m. J. Kelly & B. Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. K. Blocher, J. Young, N.

Knappenberger, M. Hutchinson

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4:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

6:00 p.m. Creative Arts

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 a.m. Health Care In Your Own Home Workshop

7:30 p.m. Capital Task Force Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

12:00 noon D.M.A. to Old Country Buffet and then tour of Lincoln Museum

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00 p.m. LEAD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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Attention women of FCC



Are you looking for an opportunity to get inspired!

Renewed!

Would you like to meet some of the other women at our church and make some new friends?

If so...you need to come to the women's retreat.

All women are invited for a weekend of

fellowship and fun at the Days' Inn from 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18 through 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Marilyn Hotz of Indianapolis will be speaking the on "Matthew 25 Connection". She has ministered to women in prison for 23 years and will share her experiences as she helps us to see how some women can be imprisoned even though they are free

and how other women are free even when imprisoned.

There will also be time to enjoy the indoor pool, sauna and exercise room.

The cost of the retreat is \$25 (2 women per room) or \$10 for Saturday only. Breakfast will be provided. Lunch is extra. Please bring a snack to share

Contact Telesa Hatten at 447-2649 or Judy Mey at 493-3993, or the church office to register. Payment must be received by Friday, Feb. 11.

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could not come but care about the growth of our church, so we set another forum for everyone to come and share ideas.

If you care about the growth and vitality of our congregation, come and "Take a Step of Faith."

From Here to Zehr-

I would like to lift up three items in my article this week.

One — thanks to the drama group for their participation in worship. If you missed the drama of the "Casting out of demons," you missed something! Some of those actors really got into their parts!

You just don't know what you'll miss when you can't be in worship.

Two — Ladies here is your chance! I have heard a number of people say I need a spiritual uplift, or I don't know anyone at church. It's time to get it together and go on the women's retreat. "Take a Step of Faith." It will be worth it.

"The Parenthetical Players"

Do you want to do some drama?

Our drama group after its first participation in worship is going to continue to meet on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. to work on upcoming ideas for worship. If you haven't come, but you would like to join in, come on — "the world is a stage."

The name the "Parenthetical Players" came from the great mind of one of our troupe, Sue Oden. Since the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) members are known as the "people of the parentheses," we thought the "Parenthetical Players" represented our group well!

The next rehersal is from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Three — Thanks to Frank Beckwith for his leadership with the Evangelism forum. It was exciting to see a number of folks who care about the growth of our church. Tuesday, Feb. 15 is the date and 7 p.m. is the time!

Finally, if you read this whole article—give yourself a star. If you've been to church in January, give yourself two stars. If you did a kind thing to someone you didn't like, buy yourself some chocolate, and forget the dumb stars.

See you Sunday.

Peace, Jerry

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, Feb. 16 Light Supper - 6 to 7 p.m. Worship - 7 to 8 p.m.

This year Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 16 with Ash Wednesday.

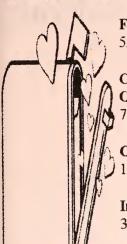
We will have a time of breaking bread and worship together as we begin our 40 days of spiritual journey to the crucifixion and resurrection in each of our lives this Easter.

Lock-in cancelled

The lock-in is cancelled for this weekend. We will meet this Sunday at 6 p.m. and reschedule the lock-in then.

Everyone come this Sunday!

Remember our homebound Valentines too



Fern Strole 5219 Buell Drive 07

Colleen Wilcoxson
Orda Glentzer
746 Candlelite Court 07

Charles/Dorothy Green 11625 Buskirk Road 09

Irene Kissinger 3203 Pavilion Court 35

Ralph Reynolds 3804 Lillie Street 06

Margaret & Earl Snouffer 6601 Post Road 04

Pauline & Mark Snyder 4709 Schaper Drive 06

Charles Wrisk 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 07

Jack Phillips 1737 Godfrey Road 19 Jo & John Weyer 3019 Sundale Drive 16

Lucille Branstrator 9721 Coverdale Road 09

Jane Harts
1811 Lower Huntington 09

Violet Manes 4524 Kenilworth 06

Fthel Richhart 2100 St. Mary's Avenue, Apt. 221 08

Lila Russell 3936 Irene Court 08

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Ralph Richard 1604 Vance Avenue 05

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Nursing home or retirement home residents

Regency Place

6006 Brandy Chase Cove 15 486-3001 Gladys Hoop - Room 141 Edith Varner - Room 221

The Arbors

2827 Northgate Blvd. 35 485-9691 Helen Foltz - Room 113 Fern Kenline - Room 202 Freda Flaugh - Room 113

University Park

1400 Medical Park Drive 25 484-1558 Connie Wells

Lutheran

6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 16 Paul Waugh - E 333. 447-6444 Velma Hechler - Room 110

Special dinner planned

Friends & newcomers invited on Feb. 6

Friends and newcomers to First Christian Church are invited to a special dinner on Sunday, Feb. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church.

We have enjoyed having you come to worship with us over the past year and would love for you to come and learn more about the ministry and beliefs of our

St. Anne's Nursing Home

1900 Randalia Drive 05 484-5555 Ressie Ehresman Golden Rose Ruth Norton

Riverbend

7519 Winchester Road 19 747-7435 Lou Simmons Ardith Wrisk

Townhouse

2209 St. Joe Center Road 25 483-3116 Mildred Hogg - Room 105E Ruth & Bob Ogles - 302H

Woodridge Health Care Center

4430 Ellsdale 35 485-8157 Bernice Montgomery - Room 11

church.

We will have a time for fellowship (getting to know each other), breaking bread (eating) and having some fun.

If you are interested in coming, please call the church at 744-3239 and make your reservation(s).

We hope to see you there!



We would like to thank you for all your cards and prayers during our illness. It was so uplifting. Thank you Jerry for your prayers and your phone calls. God Bless all of you!

-Glenn & Lola Miller

I cannot thank all of you enough for your prayers, thoughts, visits, food, phone calls, flowers and cards. All of you have made such a difference in my life. And, especially in times like these, I appreciate the love and thoughtfulness of friends.

I am very thankful my accident was not as bad as it could have been, and I am getting along exceptionally well.

Before you know it, it will be Easter and I will be hopping around like my normal self, just like the Easter bunny delivering the eggs. Once again thank you, and I will see your soon.

I am not sure which museum or collector claims to have the greatest gem and jewel collection, but if they use the definition: highly valued people, in my opinion FCC would be the winner.

Thank you to everyone who said a prayer, came to visit, or called during my recent visit to Parkview. It feels great to be back in worship with you all.

-Fran Beckwith there.

I want to thank Jerry Zehr and Bill Franklin for their visit while I was in the hospital. Also, to the other members who prayed for us and sent cards to me during my recovery. Mildred Hutchinson and Mildred Hartman brought delicious meals to us during our convalescing.

-Glenn & Wilma Miller

Jewel Byrket is home recovering from knee surgery as is Evelvn Yeoman after her knee surgery.

Congratulations to Tony & Colleen York in the birth of a 9 lb. 7 oz. baby girl. Brittanv Grace was born on Dec. 24, 1993. Laura York is the proud grandmother and Opal Carper is the great-grandmother!!!

-Evelyn Yeoman Rollerskating party planned

This coming Sunday, Feb. 6, Creative Arts will be meeting at Roller Dome South (4540 Bluffton Road) from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Admission and skate rental are FREE. Parents are welcome to stay and join us for some creative roller skating fun!!! Permission slips will be required for everyone in Creative Arts. See you

SERVING FEBRUARY 6 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. C. Ewing & L. Ewing 10:45 a.m. J. Zimmerman & D. Mey

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. S. Knuckles, C. Davis, B. Hendricks,

A. Knappenberger

10:45 a.m. J. Bushey, K. Bushey, J. Smelser,

A. Moll, B. Falbe, M. Miller,

G. Shirley, S. Zimmerman

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4:00 p.m. Newcomers Dinner

5:15 p.m. Creative Arts at Roller Dome South on Bluffton Road

6:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

6:30 p.m. Media Forum

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 p.m. LEAD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

5:45 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

► Happy Birthday Feb. 12-18

Bill DeVinney (12), Charles McGrew (12), Virgil Buchanan (13), Kevin Tobias (13), Robert Neal (14), Merle Grimm (14), Clarence Bozarth (14), Sara Glasgow (14), Charlie Hatten (15), Martha Hunt (16), Karen Doehrman (16), & Jean Sheets (18)

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Ash Wednesday service, supper set

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Lent lasts for 40 days in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

The Ash Wednesday

wednesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. will be a time of singing, praying, sharing in Holy Communion together and a time of personal reflection to

begin the pilgrimage towards the Cross.

Prior to the service, a light supper will be served at 6 p.m.

Child Care will be provided.

Youth going to the movies Sunday!



This Sunday the youth group will be going to see the movie, Schindler's List. This is an inspiring story of

one man's courage in Nazi Germany.

The movie is at Northwood's Cinemas. We will see the 4:20 p.m. show.

Cost will be \$3.50.

Please meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. to go to the movie, or you can meet us at 4:10 p.m. at the movie theater. Afterwards, we will Hit the Hut (Pizza Hut) for a quick Coke!

LOCK-IN rescheduled!!!

Yes, the Lock-in has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 5 beginning at 7 p.m.

YOUTH SUNDAY - March 13

Youth Sunday will be on Sunday, March 13. Make sure you are here, as we need everyone's participation.

For CYF only

There is a Lock-in at First Christian Church in Tipton Saturday, Feb. 19.

Does anyone want to go?

We need an adult to take the group to the Lock-in.

Let Jerry know if you want to go.

From Here to Zehr-

40 days! 40 nights!

That seems like a long time, but in another way it seems like a short time.

What if you had only 40 days to get

your spiritual life together!?!

Lent is 40 days of introspection, reflection, confession, and conversion. It is a time to get "Down and Dirty," so to speak.

If you are not a good one for long term disciplines (who is) then 40 days is a perfect amount of time to focus on your spiritual life.

Some people will fast for a day, a week or a certain meal, as discipline of

emptying oneself for God and disciplining the body to mind rather than the mind to the body.

Some people do something extra to heighten their spiritual quest. Reading a book or certain scriptures or having a special time of prayer each day.

We have all tried certain spiritual disciplines and then lost focus and given up. Here is a short period for you to do something to give strength to your spiritual life as you prepare for Easter.

Peace, Jerry

D.M.A. to visit Botanical Gardens

On Tuesday, April 12 at 12 noon, the D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) will take a special trip to the "Botanical Gardens - Lunch under Glass."

The cost is \$6.50. This covers the lunch and entrance into the gardens. They only do this one day a month during the spring,

so you won't want to miss this. They will have beautiful spring flowers and a delicious meal.

Because of the interest, we will need to get our reservations early.

You need to pay your money to the church office by the March meeting on March 1.

The Rev. Alice Hupp, minister of First Christian Church, Auburn, will show slides on Tuesday, March 1, 1994 of her trip to Africa last year with our delegation of disciples who visited our missionary sights in this beautiful land of Africa.

Secret Place in Narthex

The March, April and May quarter of the Secret Place is in the Narthex for you to pick-up. We have ordered the copies in the larger print to make reading easier. Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, Feb. 16 Light Supper - 6 to 7 p.m. Worship - 7 to 8 p.m.

"I was Hungry and you gave me food"

I would like to give you a short yearend report for the food bank.

1993 was a big year as far as the quantity of service provided. We served 3,415 individuals 51,085 meals. The quality of service also improved in that we were able to provide more extras such as ice cream and occasionally meat items. We went from staffing the food bank with two to three volunteers in order to handle an increase of 50 percent in our client load

I would like to remind you that next Sunday, and every second Sunday of the month, is Outreach Sunday. I hope this will be the start of a church-wide effort to help our less fortunate neighbors.

We food bank volunteers can only distribute what you, through your cash

Last chance to sign-up

Contact Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 or Judy Mey at 493-3993, or the church office to register for the Ladies Retreat if you plan to go. Payment must be received by Friday, Feb. 11.

Happy Birthday!!!

Don Crouse (19), Richard Merrick (20), Heather Chapin (20), Walter Bowen (22), Susan Rousseau (23), Roger Moll (25), Eunice Conrad (25) & Dan Church (25)

and food giving, provide. The Associated Churches has worked very hard to provide all of the food banks an adequate supply of food, but they have not always been able to keep up with the increased demand.

We must depend upon the membership of the neighborhood churches to pick-up more of the load. The question is not what we should do, but what we are willing to do.

Yours in Christ,

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Our sympathy is extended to the family of <u>Edith Varner</u> who died last week.

Our sympathy is extended to Art & Marge Thomas as Art's mother died recently.

Diane Mory broke her wrist.

Our prayers are with Glenn & Lola Miller's grandson, Scott Rayl, who had heart surgery last Friday.

We celebrate with Lori & David Bagley in the dedication of their daughter, Stacey Ann the last Sunday in worship.

Emphasis for year to be on Missions

Bring to Church:

* Canned Goods

for Food Bank

Item for Baby Closet

By Charlie Hatten
Outreach chairman

The second Sunday of each month is being set aside as Mission Sunday.

It is a way of focusing our attention on what our congregation is doing in the area of missions.

Starting in July our emphasis for the year will be on Missions. It is appropriate that we take a few minutes and examine the what and why of our commitment to missions.

I thought the Sermon today on sharing our faith with others was a perfect lead to our discussion of missions. I once heard someone say that we are to

SHARE THE GOSPEL and if needed we should use Words. It seemed strange to me at first but it says we are to live our faith and let our lives be witness to what Christ has done in our lives.

Diane's message at the communion table was about a worker trying to decide between becoming a Muslim or a Christian based on the way each religion impacted the life of his Muslim and Christian employers.

If we believed that someone was watching us and making a decision to accept Christ or not based on how we lived who among us would not be on our best behavior. Yet we know that the vast majority of people who make a commitment to follow Christ do

so because a friend or neighbor led them.

We are being watched and people are making decisions based on what they see. It is this simple fact that makes our commitment

to missions so important.

It is the responsibility of the Church to provide avenues for the followers of Christ to act out their faith in concert with other believers. Whether it be bringing food for the food bank or sewing a garment for a homeless person, each act becomes an expression of our love for Christ.

It is my prayer that each and every member of First Christian Church will find a way to express the love they have for

Christ.

I believe God speaks to us in the still small voices that move us to do those things that need to be done. If you feel God is speaking to your heart about a mission or if you just want to get involved and are not sure how, call the church and let us do what God calls us to do. We have some great mission programs in almost any area you can think of and we would be thrilled to show you how to get involved.

This Sunday we will be collecting food for the food bank (look at article on Page 3) and if you would like to bring an item for the Baby's Closet it would also be appreciated.

Teek of Compassion Offering Feb. 20

nat is the Week of Compassion Offering?

The offering that is to be taken up on nday February 20th is used to provide relief victims of floods, earthquakes and other asters both here and around the world.

It is also used to help people become self iant through partnerships with eight other bestant denominations.

It is administered by a group of persons and pastors and at a cost of only 7 nts per dollar collected. It is associated

with such groups as the Heifer Project, Church World Service, and the Cooperative Disaster Child Program.

If a flood, war, earthquake, or any other disaster causes pain and suffering to God's people you can bet the Week of Compassion Offering will be there.

Please be generous in your giving and pray for those responsible for carrying out the program.

Veek of Compassion update given

hnny Wray Iministrative Director

Just as southern alifornia began to recover om the fire storms, a vere earthquake hit Los ageles on Jan. 17.

Reports indicate at ast 60 people killed, pre than 20,000 homeless d property damages into

the billions.

At least five Disciples congregations have major structural damage, including First Christian Church of Santa Monica, whose facilities were devastated. Numerous Disciples families have been hit hard.

Week of Compassion

has made initial grants to the Pacific Southwest region and CWS for emergency needs.

Additional grants for relief and recovery will follow.

Your prayers and gifts will mean help and hope for the people of Los Angeles.

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10:45 a.m. S. Brey, L. Brey, B. Smith, F. Beckwith, J. Mounsey, B. Prechtl, D. Rinker, M. Prechtl USHERS

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6:00 p.m. Creative Arts

6:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Task Force Meeting

7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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To love the Lord with...

"Your heart, soul, mind and strength."

When Jesus was asked what was the greatest commandment, he responded, "to love the Lord with your heart, soul, mind and strength."

Then he added that the second greatest commandment was to "love your neighbor as yourself...these will cover a multitude of sins."

How does one love with their heart, soul, mind and strength?

During Lent we will explore each of these aspects during worship.

Meeting rescheduled

Because of a conflict in scheduling, the Evangelism Task Force meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 15 has been postponed until <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 1 at 7 p.m.</u>

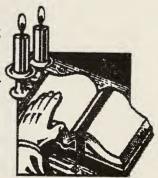
Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

-Frank Beckwith

This Sunday the "Parenthetical Players" (drama group) will be back in worship to help explore our theme.

Also....

"Discovering your Path to Spiritual Growth" will be the title of the Lenten study that the Rev. Jerry Zehr will lead us in during the month of March.



There will be <u>a daytime study</u> on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon starting March 3. The study will last four weeks.

An evening study will begin on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. It will also last four weeks.

If you are looking to deepen and expand your spiritual life this lent, you should attend these four sessions.

From Here to Zehr-

This last Sunday I watched the movie, Schindler's List with the youth group.

What a powerful movie!

This is one of the best and most important films I have seen in the past 10 years.

There were so many layers to this film. I give it two halo's up!

It is a movie that lifts up courage, strength, faith and even hope during a time in the world that evil was controlling Europe.

Go see it.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. I hope some of you join me for the Lenten Study. I hope it will be fun, uplifting, meaningful, and expanding. Hopefully, you'll be able to give it a two Halo's review!

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You need to pay your money to the church office by the March meeting on March 1.

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could not come but care about the growth of our church, so we set another forum for everyone to come and share ideas.

If you care about the growth and vitality of our congregation, come and "Take a Step of Faith."

-Frank Beckwith

outh Sunday to be Sunday, March 13

The youth group saw the movie, hindler's List last Sunday, as part of eir study for Youth Sunday — It was a REAT movie.

eamstress(es) needed!!!

A seamstress is needed to work on a turday to construct more shelter packs. e have received enough money for maybe ur more.

The pattern has been corrected, so pefully it will go smoother this time.

This is the time they really need them, you have time or a sewing machine that n sew through wool, please contact Laura ork or Elinor Place.

-Rosie Krull

ecret Place in Narthex

The March, April and May quarter of Secret Place is in the Narthex for you pick-up. We have ordered the copies in larger print to make reading easier.

Candidate-Mentor Program Spring Membership Class Rev. Jerry Zehr's Class March 5 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. andidates, Mentors & Parents

This Sunday — Everyone should meet = at 6 p.m. at the church.



The Lock-in is set

for Saturday, March 5 starting at 7 p.m. It will be a wild time. You don't want to miss it.

Make sure you OK March 13 with your parents. Don't go out of town — It's youth Sunday.

Good luck to Dan Moll this Saturday. He is diving in the sectionals for a great school!

oncerc Joys

Congratulations to Kris Ohneck in the birth of a grandson. Devon Alexander was born on Feb. 8 weighing 7 lbs., 15 oz. Robert & Becky Critell are the proud parents.

Congratulations to George & Virginia Bruckman in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 20, 1994.

Our sympathy is extended to Clarence Hendrickson in the death of his wife, Geraldine, last week.

Our sympathy is extended to <u>Bev</u>
<u>Kerr</u> in the death of her aunt, <u>Bertha</u>
<u>Gordon</u>, last week.

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8:15 a.m. M. Hartman & J. Ohneck 10:45 a.m. D. Oden & S. Oden

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USHERS

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Elissabeth Olson & Travis Crain

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Jean Sheets

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Jake Smelser & Ken Taylor Team II -M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS 8:15 a.m. Judy Church

10:45 a.m. Bill Franklin

CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship 6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts 6:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs 7:30 p.m. Committees

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Happy Birthday Feb. 26-Mar. 4

Bill Chappell(26), Cathy Katt(26), Bueford Tharp(1), Barbara Busse(1), Jerry Zimmerman(1), Frank Moody(2), Charlotte Ewing(3), Tom Walsh(4)

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Discover your path to spiritual growth

"Discovering your Path to Spiritual Growth" will be the title of the Lenten study that the Rev. Jerry Zehr will lead us in during the month of March.

There will be <u>a daytime study</u> on Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon starting March 3. The study will last

four weeks.

An evening study will begin on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. It will also last four weeks.

If you are looking to deepen and expand your spiritual life this lent, you should attend these four sessions.

Do you want to go to Africa?

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Youth News

Attention all youth — we will meet at 6 p.m. this Sunday at the church. We will plan the lock-in and work on Youth Sunday. Only two weeks until Youth Sunday, March 13!!!

From Here to Zehr

Since Lent is a time of reflection and learning, I felt the following poem that I read in the *Journal Gazette* to be appropriate during this time.

May you reflect on this poem during your devotional time this week.

"After a While"

by Veronica A. Shoffstaff

After a while you learn
the subtle difference between
holding a hand
and chaining a soul
and you learn that love
doesn't mean leaning
and company
doesn't always mean security.
And you begin to learn
that kisses aren't contracts and
presents aren't promises
and you begin to accept your defeats
with your head up and your eyes ahead
with the grace of a woman
not the grief of a child

and you learn to build all your roads on today because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans and futures have a way of falling down in mid-flight After a while you learn that even sunshine burns if you get too much so you plant your own garden and decorate your own soul instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers And you learn that you really can endure that you really are strong and you really do have worth and you learn and you learn with every goodbye you learn.

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Wanted: People interested in raising puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind (810) 651-9011

Star Seach '94 coming to First Christian

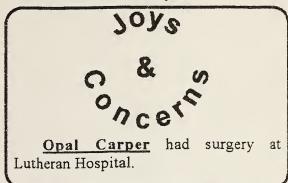
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The sign-up sheet will be up next week. Think of a joke, story or a song you could share with us this year!



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Don't waste time. Sign-up soon!

Thank you given

I wish to thank the thoughtful people who sent me cards, phone calls, prayers and good wishes. A special thanks to Jerry and Diane Zehr for their visits, prayers and food.

— Jewel Byrket

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8:15 a.m. Bill Crouse & Charles Ludwig 10:45 a.m. Erma Vanderwall & Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. B. Hendricks, C. Davis, K.
Blocher, S. Knuckles
10:45 a.m. J. Mounsey, M. McFarland, K.
Walsh, M. Miller, A. Moll, B.
Falbe, D. Heimann, L. Heimann

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, MARCH 1

12:00 noon DMA Potluck 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Task Force Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 p.m. Lenten Study

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

10:30 a.m. Lenten Study 5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:30 a.m. Candidates, Mentors, and Parents meeting with with Rev. Jerry Zehr

Happy Birthday March 5-11

Cora Ann Harnish (7), Jane Fisher (7) Jerry Warner (8), Charles Suder (9) Kathleen Simon (10)

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Youth News

On this Saturday, March 5 beginning at 7 p.m., you won't want to miss the fun at the **Youth**

Lock-in.

Bring some munchies, pop and some money for midnight bowling!

From Here to Zehr-

Seven thousand college students had converged on London to demonstrate against the governments' cutting of student grants.

There were rows of Bobbies (police) trying to keep the students marching in a peaceful direction down one of the main streets

When one in authority told someone of the younger generation to go a certain direction, of course, they wanted to go the other.

Consequently, 7,000 students broke through the line of Bobbies pushing and shoving with the Bobbies striking back with clubs to keep order.

Guess who found themselves in the middle of the student demonstration in downtown London?

You guessed it — Diane and Jerry, who were on vacation for a week in London.

It was a great trip. Usually after a week away I'm ready to get back in the swing of things, but this time I could have stayed for a while.

Seeing Warick Castle, Cambridge, Oxford, and Stonehenge were wonderful, yet going to a Jazz vespers service in an old Gothic cathedral, to an English pub, and seeing the British museums were mind and heart expanding experiences.

Being in a different culture gives you a perspective on our place (U.S.) in the world and also an appreciation for what we take for granted in the States.

enjoyed We being in demonstration although it was a little scary. I could tell my age, though, because 20 years ago I would have been on the side of the students yelling, "Down with the establishment." I found myself feeling sorry for the Bobbies trying to do their job the Thev didn't want stop demonstration. They just wanted to keep some dignity and order to the March. They were just as scared as we were.

Oh well, time passes and so do we and the revolutionaries become the establishment.

Maybe it it good to have our yout who keep us from getting too comfortabl in our thoughts and ways.

Hail to the Queen!

"Carry On" (As they say) Jerry

P.S. Hope to see you this Sunday i worship.

Candidate-Mentor Program
Spring Membership Class
Rev. Jerry Zehr's Class, March 5th
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Candidates, Mentors & Parents

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Opal Carper has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

<u>Dorothy Green</u> is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

<u>Valetta Parlette</u> had out-patient surgery this week.

<u>Craig Wascovich</u>, son of former minister, <u>George Wascovich</u>, was married on December 31, 1993.

If you have a Joy or Concern, call the church office at 744-3239.

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SERVING MARCH 6 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Charles Ewing & Lauren Ewing 10:45 a.m. Eileen Klepfer & Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Young, N. Knappenberger, M. Hutchinson, B. Hendricks

10:45 a.m. J. Bushey, K. Bushey, J. Smelser, D. Rinker, L. McFarland, M. Rieke, E. Rieke, S. Zimmerman

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, D. Graham 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, B. Glasgow, J. Bond, S. Brey

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rinker/Place

ACOLYTES

Megan McEvoy & Jennifer Medlin

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Kathy Miller

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Jim & Karen Bushey
Team II -Ralph & Judy Church
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m.

10:45 a.m. Glenn Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:30 a.m. Candidates, Mentors, & Parents Meeting

7:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho Lock-In

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts

MONDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 p.m. Capital Task Force Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

7:00 p.m Lenten Study

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

10:30 a.m. Lenten Study 5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Happy Birthday March 12-18

Florence Palmer(12), Jean Chappell(12), Kevin Mory(12), Mark Zimmerman(12), Stephen Ludwig(15), Bob Ogles(16) George Bruckman(16), Max Finkhousen(17), Gordon Howell(18), Brian Busse(18)

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I was hungry and you gave me food

Churches were traditionally the source of help for those in need. In recent years we have let government take over caring for the needy. This is an easy way out, because who really wants to get involved with those people?

I believe that God wants us to be involved with those people. Those people were the ones who started the First Christian Churches and took care of each other. Can First Christian do less?

I look forward to the day when every family in the church will <u>remember that</u> the second Sunday of the month is <u>Food Bank Sunday</u>, and will bring as much food as they can afford to share with those people in need.

This coming Sunday will be a time to share, and since it is the Lenten season tuna and salmon are on sale in many stores. These foods would make an excellent donation.

All prepared foods are useful, so bring what you like to eat. We also can use paper products and personal items.

If you would like to visit the food

bank, give me a call at 485-9351. We would be glad to show you how we operate.

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Yours in Christ, Wes

P.S. Last year we had 1,013 client visits and distributed 51,085 meals. Thanks to all of you who gave food or money. Special thanks to all those who worked at the food bank.

Annual Sacrificial Meal on March 26 at 11 a.m.

The Annual Sacrificial Meal sponsored by CWF will be Saturday, March 26 at 11 a.m. (Please note time change.)

This meal consisting of broth and crackers will be served in silence followed by a time of quiet meditation and worship. This is an opportunity to begin to prepare yourself to enter Holy Week.

All (men and women) are invited to attend.

From Here to Zehr-

This last Saturday the youth had a lock-in at the church to prepare for Youth Sunday. I left at midnight, but Brian Prechtl and Jennifer Mounsey carried on through the night (Thanks to the youth sponsors).

Then they went to the Rescue Mission to serve breakfast on Sunday morning to the homeless. This was part of their preparation for Youth Sunday.

A man who stayed the night at the mission came up to our group and shared his testimony on how he had been on drugs and then finally got off. He noticed how nice the youth had been and did not want them to mess their lives up the way he had.

I'm so glad our youth had the experience where they saw another side of life. We do not need to protect our youth from this part of life that many experience.

Thank God for those who offer a place for people to go whose lives are in turmoil.

The youth have been working hard on their worship service — trying to have a message that will be from their hearts and minister to all of us.

I hope we will all be in worship this Sunday for a wonderful service.

Peace, Jerry

CWF women thanked for generous gift

Thank you so much for your note of appreciation and the most generous gift of \$100. Will you share with the women that I intend to use it for notebooks, pencils, pens, tapes, etc. for the women who are taking advantage of the educational opportunities available to them at IWP.

We are just beginning our second semester of the year and this gift will be a tremendous blessing to their needs in support of their education.

Also, thank you for the opportunity to share the stories and circumstances of our

sisters who are incarcerated. They very much need a sense of solidarity with women of the church. They so badly need mentors who can help them discover community, freedom, and meaning.

It is my hope that your women will continue to remember and learn about women in prison and their particular needs and hopes.

Again, thanks for your invitation and hospitality.

—Marilyn Hotz, Homeland Ministries

Youth Sunday Practice 2 p.m. - Saturday 7012

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Opal Carper is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

<u>Dorothy Green</u> has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Our prayers are with <u>Linda</u> <u>Kluczenski</u> who is having outpatient surgery this week.

Our prayers are also with <u>Bill</u>

<u>Johnson</u> as he waits for results from tests taken.

Growth & Vitality forum again March 15 at 7 p.m.

If you have not been to one of the Growth and Vitality forums but want to come, this is the one to attend!

We have had some great fun and good discussion about the growth and vitality of our church in the past meetings.

We hope everyone who was at our last meeting will return as well.

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You may buy the flowers in \$5 increments. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church.

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SERVING MARCH 13 YOUTH SUNDAY ELDERS

8:15 a.m. CYF & Chi Rho 10:45 a.m. CYF & Chi Rho

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10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, CYF & Chi Rho
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EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Julia Arnold

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Dave & Deb Rinker

Team II -John Truesdell & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. CYF & Chi Rho 10:45 a.m. CYF & Chi Rho

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

1:30 p.m. Youth Sunday Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 p.m. Evangelism Task Force Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 p.m. Lenten Study

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

10:30 a.m. Lenten Study

5:45 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Chi Rho Day Out

10:30 a.m. Candidates, Mentors, & Parents Meeting with Rev. Diane Zehr -

Luncheon following

Happy Birthday March 19-25

Vince Wells(19), Ruby Mowery(20), Pauline Auer(20), Lou Simmons(22), John Glasgow(24), Freda Flaugh(25), Rosemary Krull(25), Christie Glasgow(25)

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Special music planned for Easter season

The entire music department is working hard to provide special music throughout the Easter season. We hope that it enhances your worship experience and brings the spirit of the season to each of you.

This is an advance look at what is planned.

March 20

Bob Bier will solo at both services. Bob has sung in choirs all his life and joined First Christian last fall. During the second service the choir will sing a beautiful anthem titled, "The Mystery" accompanied by Linda Allen on flute.

March 27 (Palm Sunday)

In 821 AD, Bishop Theodulph wrote the hymn, "All Glory Laud and Honor" from a French prison cell. His story will be presented in a dramatic interpretation during both services.

The Chancel Choir, Creative Arts and the worship committee have joined together to present this inspiring production. The featured cast includes: Bob Bier, Shannon Lutz and Ray Stover.

March 31 (Maundy Thursday)

Both the Chancel and Carillon will present anthems during the Worship service. A special drama will be performed that evening and Holy Communion also will be served.

April 1 (Good Friday)

A combined service will be held at 1 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church. A mass choir including several members from First Christian will perform.

April 3 (Easter)

A Sunrise service will be held at Sunrise at Foster Park Pavilion I. Come and experience what Mary and the other women did on that Easter morning.

Later, the Carillon and Chancel Choirs will perform during both services. In a revival from First Christian's past, Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" will be the response to the Benediction.

All former choir members (or anyone who knows the music) are invited to join the choir at the front of the Church for the singing of this glorious music.

From Here to Zehr-

Following is a quote that was on the back of our bulletin last week for Youth Sunday.

"First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out — because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for the communists and I did not speak out — because I was not a communist.
Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out — because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for me — and there was no one left to speak out for me."

The person who said the quote, Pastor Niemoeller, was a minister in Germany

Youth Sunday a success; scheduled to meet Sunday

Youth Sunday was great!

Everyone did their roles wonderfully (of course the Rev. Zehr needs some practice running the sound system, but we forgive him).

We will watch the video of the service this Sunday evening and hangout together, so bring some munchies. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. at the church.

Make sure you have Sunday April 24 reserved with your parents! This is Strings & Stars. We need your help.

Youth to meet at 6 p.m. Sunday

during Hitler's reign.

Much of the church in Germany was silent during the terrible violence against the Jews.

This quote was part of the idea that our youth wanted us to think about. Even though this was 50 years ago, do the words still have meaning for our lives today? How?

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Special thanks go to Brian Prechtl, Jennifer Mounsey, Teresa Hatten and Pat Mullen for helping to make "Three Roads to Heaven - Youth Sunday '94" a meaningful Sunday.

*3rd Annual *Strings & Stars *Caberet

April 24 -- 6 p.m.

First Christian Dinner Theatre

★Dinner and Show cost:

Adults: \$5

★ Children up to 10 years: \$3 ★

A Call 744-3239 (Church Office) to R.S.V.P. ★
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Taking the Next Step...

Christian Education notes...

The <u>Faith Fellowship Class</u> meets in the Fellowship Hall by the stage is beginning a Spring study of the book, What Minister's Wish Church Members Knew

Topics include chapters like, "Nobody owns the Church — Nobody owns God Either," "Church Grapevines Usually Bear Bad Fruit," "Church Growth is Not the Point" and "There is no THEY in the Church."

If you are looking for a Sunday School class to attend, we would be delighted to have you join us. Roger Moll is the convener of this class.

The Gospel Seekers Class which meets in the Board room is now studying Tony Compollo's book, 20 Hot Potatoes Christians are Afraid to Touch.

Rosie Krull is the teacher and we welcome you to join us.

If you're new to the church you might want to join <u>The Newcomers Class</u> taught by the Rev. Jerry Zehr.

Many friendships are built, and we can ask the questions we need to have answered about faith, the church, and membership at First Christian Church.

We meet in the Parlor on the north side of the sanctuary.

A.B.I.L. Notes... studied the

Nearly 20 of us are still going strong doing our in-depth study of the Old Testament.

The Rev. Diane Zehr is our leader. We have

Prophets and are now beginning the books of Wisdom.

Have you Taken a Step of Faith this year?

We want to know, so we can see if we accomplished our church goal for the year.

Please tear off the bottom of this page and put it in the church offering plate.

Since Sept. '93 I have taken this Step of Faith

1.	Attended Sunday School Class regularly
	Read Glimpses of Church History bi-weekly in the newsletter.
	A.B.I.L. 4. Hunger for Healing
5.	Morning for Moms
6.	L.E.A.D. (Leadership Education Development)
	Drama8. People of the Covenant
9.	Lenten Bible Study
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Parents' Day venture to start soon

Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1701 Capitol Ave., is planning a new venture in ministries for neighborhood families.

Designed like a Parents' Day Out, the congregation's Super Saturday is targeted to begin after Easter.

The idea behind Super Saturday is to provide time for parents who need a safe place to leave their children while they shop, do chores or simply take a breather.

Children from birth to 10 years old will be cared for by a group of enthusiastic adults, provided an assortment of activities, exposed to new hobbies and interests.

Christian education is also an option during their time at Super Saturdays.

Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Meals will not be provided; however, a snack will be part of the package. The cost is designed to be attractive to families on a budget: \$1 per child per session.

The members of Calvary Presbyterian Church would like to invite your congregation to consider being a part of this ministry with us.

We will be glad to include your children as part of the experience. However, we also would be delighted to have adults be a part of this experience.

We need talented, interested, and loving people who want to be part of a positive experience for neighborhood families on the southeast side of Fort Wayne.

If you would like more information, please feel free to call the church office, 456-4137, and speak to Pastor Alan Thames or ask to be referred to someone from the Super Saturday group.

Community CPR class to be held Sunday, 4/10

On Sunday, April 10, 1994, the American Red Cross is planning a community wide CPR Day at the Hilliard Gates Gymnasium on the campus of IPFW.

Participants will learn Adult CPR, and will receive an Adult CPR certificate after successful completion of the course.

Cost is \$5 per person.

In order to decrease the fear of practicing CPR skills in a group, we have arranged for each participant to have their own manikin to use during the course. This individual training will increase the level of confidence for each student.

Two sessions will be held. The first will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second session will be from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

There will be a concession stand at the event.

If anyone wants additional information, please call Tammy Petersen at 480-8224.

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Opal Carper is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Anne Shirley is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Jerry Medlin fractured his ankle bone.

Janet Kratzat is recovering at home from surgery.

Attention Softball Players

Softball season is almost here! WE NEED A COACH!!! If you are interested, please contact the church office at 744-3239 as soon as possible.

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Hall & Wash windows
– Bring a ladder and a paint brush
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clean-up outside
Alternate date is May 7

Candidate-Mentor Program
Spring Membership Class
Rev. Diane Zehr's Class
March 19th -- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
in the Church Parlor
Candidates, Mentors & Parents
Luncheon will follow

Easter plans given

The Worship Committee is making preparation for a meaningful Lenten and Easter Season. This includes the purchase of many loose cut flowers. The cut flowers will be used during the Easter Sunday services to decorate the Cross.

Also, pieces of paper containing things we'd like to change about our Faith journey will be on the Cross.

On Easter Sunday, each person who comes to Easter Services will be given a fresh flower.

The cloth drape on the Cross will be changed to white. At an appropriate time during the service the congregation will be asked to place their flower on the nails and over the slips of paper on the Cross.

If you would like to participate by underwriting the purchase of these loose cut flowers, please indicate below and place in the offering plate or return to the church office width he information and funds necessary.

You may buy the flowers in \$5 increments. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church.

Given in memory or honor of

Your name

SERVING MARCH 20 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. John Ohneck & Ralph Church 10:45 a.m. Dave Kreischer & Bill Franklin **DIACONATE & GREETERS**

8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M. Arnold, C. Davis, K. Blocher

10:45 a.m. J. Smelser, B. Glasgow, E. Vandergriff, B. Kelly, B. Smith, J. Mey, T. Hatten, B. Falbe

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8:15 a.m. J. Ott, J. Young, C. Davis 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, G. Miller, E. Vandergriff

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Jean Sheets

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Jake Smelser & Ken Taylor Team II -M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, MARCH 19

10:30 a.m. Candidates, Mentors, & Parents Meeting - lunch following

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10:45 a.m. Second Worship

6:00 p.m. Creative Arts

6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

7:30 p.m. Committees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 p.m. Lenten Study

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

10:30 a.m. Lenten Study

5:45 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. Media & Image Task Force

Happy Birthday March 26-April 1

Edwin Hall(27), James Buchanan(28), Linda Hendrickson(28), Lelia Arnos(28), Pat Booher(29), Sylvia Smith(29), Connie Wells(30), Chris Murray(30), Gladys Harshbarger(1), Paul Yentes(1), Adam Falbe(1)

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Join us for worship during Holy Week

March 27 (Palm Sunday)

In 821 AD, Bishop Theodulph wrote the hymn, "All Glory Laud and Honor" from a French prison cell. His story will be presented in a dramatic interpretation during both services.

The Chancel Choir, Creative Arts and the worship committee have joined together to present this inspiring production. The featured cast includes: Bob Bier, Shannon Lutz and Ray Stover.

March 31

(Maundy Thursday)

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The Rev. Zehr will have an Easter message entitled, "What if the

members from First Christian Holy Week Services Tomb wasn't Empty?!?"



From Here to Zehr-

In search of the Perfect Pillow — This is our quest!

We have tried so many different pillows only to be unfulfilled and featherless. Our closet is full of pillows—all different shapes, sizes and stuffings!

The latest one we have bought is the curved pillow advertised on T.V. We were excited. This was surely the one, yet we were still left restless. Is there such a

thing as a perfect pillow or are we to be content with the pillows we have?

What does a pillow have to do with Easter and our spiritual journey?

As you try to sleep on your pillow, you figure it out. We are still searching.

Peace, Jerry

Special Easter offering announced

As a caregiver, a pastor may sometimes feel overburdened by the demands of his/her calling. In times of stress another may question God's call and wonder if he has chosen the wrong vocation. As retirement approaches, a minister may start to wonder if he/she has prepared financially and emotionally for the coming changes in his/her life.

Each region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has resources to help support pastors at times like these. In some places, informal sharing groups meet, giving pastors a place to talk about common concerns. Pastoral groups may meet at other times just to have fun together.

Through a partnership with the Midwest Career Development Service, the Greater Kansas City region offers pastors vocational assessment, career counseling, retirement planning and other services.

Maintaining emotional health for pastors is a healing ministry supported by your gifts to the Easter Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance.

Annual Sacrificial Meal on March 26 at 11 a.m.

The Annual Sacrificial Meal sponsored by CWF will be <u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 26 at 11 a.m.</u> (Please note time change.)

This meal consisting of broth and crackers will be served in silence followed by a time of quiet meditation and worship.

The Passion story, a drama, will be presented at the Sacrificial Meal. Additionally, there will be a special worship time in preparation for Holy Week.

All (men and women) are invited to attend.

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Please welcome the following persons back to our worship service after they recovered from illnesses or an accident: Ruby Mowery, Opal Carper, Jewel Byrket, Jo Weyer and Evelyn Yeoman.

Prayer Vigil soon; time slots still open

How time flies. One more week. That is all the time we have. There's still a lot of time slots left on the prayer chain.

Please either call or come in and signup. We need more support. We need you to give one have hour to praise the Lord.

Spring
Spruce up
Days set



9 a.m. to 12 noon

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Hall & Wash windows

-- Bring a ladder and a paint brush

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Alternate date is May 7

Poem submitted

Is anybody happier because you passed this way? Does anyone remember that you spoke to them today?

The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through: Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's slipping fast, That you helped a single person of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said? Does the one whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or use it? Was it well or sorely spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say: You have earned one more tomorrow by what you did today?"

-Submitted by Mary Love

* Strings & Stars *

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* First Christian Dinner Theatre *

* Dinner and Show cost: *

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* Call 744-3239 to make your reservation(s). *

Jim Davis to be in opera this weekend

The Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne Department of Music will present the World Premiere of Mark Bucci's one-act musical theater piece, "Sweet Betsy from Pike 2 (The Revenge)" and Leonard Bernstein's one-act opera "Trouble in Tahiti" this weekend in the Indiana-Purdue Studio Theater in Kettler Hall, IPFW.

Baritone James Davis, a member of First Christian Church and a freshman in the IPFW music department, will play a featured role in "Trouble in Tahiti."

Performance times are Friday, March 25 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 26 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for

adults while Senior Citizens and Students are \$4. IPFW Activity card holders are free.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved through the Music Department by calling 481-6714.

Deadline for reservations is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 25.

Quadrennial attendance update given

If you can't attend all of Quadrennial, but you can attend part of the assembly, the day rate is \$36.50. The day rate does not include meals or lodging. A meal ticket an be purchased at the Quadrennial Office during the Assembly. The price of the meal ticket has not yet been determined. To attend for part of the Assembly, you must send your application by May 1.

Applications for people who are attending the full Assembly are also due by May 1. If you can't attend

Bring a Friend to church this Sunday!

Quadrennial, maybe you can help another woman in your church attend.

Contact Sue Brey at 447-3570 for more Quadrennial information.

Charlotte Ewing chosen for Youth Commission

Congratulations to Charlotte Ewing who has been chosen to be a part of the Indiana Youth Commission.

She will be a representative for two years.

CWF Workshop set

"Cherish the Children" will be the theme of the 1994 CWF spring workshop held here at First Christian on Saturday, April 30. Time to be announced.

Confession of Faith given by candidates

On Sunday March 20, the Candidate-Mentor Program Spring Membership Class celebrated Confession of Faith at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

The Mentors introduced the Candidates. Then the Candidates read their statements to our congregation. Below is a complete list of the candidates and their mentors.

Candidates

Fran Beckwith
Eric Dawe
Cortney Lyons
Christopher Olson
Billy Suder
Miles Wilson
Kyle Kerley

Mentors

Sue Oden
Leo Heimann
Ann Moll
Sam Hayes
John Kelly
Julia Arnold
Dick Mey

Those of us who are participating in this program wanted to reach out and share this experience with each member of our church family, so each persons' statement will follow:

Sue Oden - Mentor

"It is my great privilege to introduce to you a special friend of mine, Fran Beckwith. I was given a rare and beautiful gift a few weeks ago when Brenda Kelly called and told me that Fran had asked that I be her mentor in this program. It has indeed been a journey of faith for both of us."

"Fran has a wonderful inquiring mind and we had some in-depth discussions about many things. Fran has a tremendous can-do attitude. She will make a most welcome addition to the life of F.C.C. and my life as well."

Fran Beckwith - Candidate

"I have decided to follow Jesus Christ because it is through His teachings, His life that I can learn about God's unconditional love and the eternal life that is promised to those who choose to follow God. Although the concept or feeling of true unconditional love is yet to be fully accepted by me, the peace I feel in my quest is a far lighter load than the weight from the fear and doubt."

"To pinpoint the one experience, group, sermon or person that has helped me to grow in my Faith, I use the scriptures I Cor. 12:12-26 and Rom. 12:4-8. These two scriptures explain how as members of this church we are one body

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Candidates - Mentors

in Christ. Each member possesses their own unique special contribution, and no one talent or contribution is more important than another. All parts (members) work for the same body to achieve the goal of being the best Christians we can."

"I take great pleasure in having been given the opportunity to become a part of this Church Body and offer one word of appreciation which carries a multitude of feelings to all the members at F.C.C."

Leo Heimann - Mentor

"I've gotten to know Eric (Dawe) well in the last couple of years, with the youth activities and field trips we took together. He is bringing a special humor and love of life into this congregation."

Eric Dawe - Candidate

"I am deciding to follow Jesus Christ because it is the right thing to do. When the youth group went to St. Louis last summer, we helped to load food for flood victims. I like helping people. I also enjoyed attending the conference. That experience helped me to grow in Christ."

Ann Moll - Mentor

"As an 8th grader at Miami Middle School, Cortney (Lyons) has been active in the youth program and participated in Youth Sunday. He brings to F.C.C. his enthusiasm, his concern for the homeless and his desire to help others."

Cortney Lyons - Candidate

"I'm deciding to follow Jesus Christ to help me stay on the path to God and also because I think it's time for me to become a true Christian. I would like to thank Ann Moll for being my mentor and supporting me through the candidatementor program."

Sam Hayes - Mentor

"It has been a joy to share time and Christian experiences with Christopher (Olson). I can identify with him when I was 12. Christopher is a caring young man, sensitive to those around him. He is a young man of few words, but what he has to say is significant. May he grow in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another."

Christopher Olson - Candidate

"The reason I'm deciding to follow Christ is that I'm understanding Him more. I'm spreading Christianity to others who are also trying to follow and understand Him. I think I'm beginning to get on the right road to Heaven."

"The three things that have influenced me most are the youth group, Sam Hayes and my mom. They have all

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Candidates - Mentors

been friends to me and have explained the Bible and made it clearer to me. I would like to finish my commitment by thanking the congregation for their support and love."

John Kelly - Mentor

"Billy Suder's favorite subjects in school are reading and math. He is a member of our youth group and his Sunday School class. He is happiest when helping others. He is a young man that I have very much enjoyed getting to know."

Billy Suder - Candidate

"I am deciding to follow God by asking Him to come into my life. Help me grow as a person and to help others. My being a part of the youth program made this happen."

Julia Arnold - Mentor

"Miles (Wilson) is the oldest of three children. He is a fifth grader at Highland Terrace School in New Haven."

"Miles is on the wrestling team at school. Two weeks ago he won the bronze medal at a wrestling meet, and he qualified to go to state."

"In the past few weeks, I have gotten to know Miles. As a young disciple, Miles brings a caring hear, a great sense of humor and a beautiful smile to this congregation."

Miles Wilson - Candidate

"I decided that it was time to follow Jesus. I would like to thank my Mom Shari, Diane Zehr and the congregation for bringing me closer to God."

The following two statements will be shared to our congregation on Sunday, April 24.

Dick Mey - Mentor

"Kyle (Kerley) is very intelligent about the Bible and what is going on in the church. He goes to Church School and has learned a lot about the interactions of church. He is also quite a sports buff and enjoys playing at it. I hope he enjoys God as much as this."

Kyle Kerley - Candidate

"I would like to join the church to witness my faith in Christ. We are saved by faith. As the Bible reads in Ephesians 2:8,9, For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. This is not by yourselves, but the gift of God not by works so that no one may boast.' Just because I believe and have faith doesn't mean I am not supposed to do good works. The following verse goes on to say, 'We are God's workmanship created in Christ to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.' I also want to get baptized to have the Holy Spirit enter me and have my sins washed away."

"God loves us all, and I am sharing my love for Christ by joining the church."

SERVING MARCH 27 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Chuck Ewing & Bill Crouse 10:45 a.m. Sue Oden & Don Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Hutchinson, J. Young, N.
Knappenberger, B. Hendricks
10:45 a.m. M. McFarland, L. McFarland, J.
Davis, K. Walsh, D. Heimann,

L. Heimann, D. Rinker, S. Zimmerman USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Byrket, J. Young 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, C. Falbe, K. Place, D.J. Rinker

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Ewing - B. Glasgow

L. Ewing - D. Heimann

R. Church - L. Heimann

K. Graham - M. Hutchinson

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Tameka Anderson

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Holly Falbe & Travis Crain

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Marlo Quick

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Bob & Bev Hendricks
Team II - Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Dick Mory 10:45 a.m. Deb Rinker

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 a.m. Sherwood-Pettit Assoc.

11:00 a.m. Sacrificial Meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8:15 a.m. First Worship

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10:45 a.m. Second Worship

6:00 p.m. Creative Arts

6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Christ United Methodist Church

Happy Birthday April 2-8

Marlo Quick(2), Leo Heimann(2), Michael Stow(2), Sylvia Engle(3), Wes Westerfield(4), Anne Shirley(5), Genevieve Ripple(6), Reba Fusselman(6), Scott Keebortz(6)

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Holv Week services continue Thursday evening here at the church. but be aware that the next two services including the Good



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Special Easter Offering Sunday

The Easter Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance will be collected this Sunday, April 3.

This offering will highlight the church's healing ministries and helps make them possible.

Your gifts bring hope in the midst of brokenness.

From Here to Zehr-

Do you want to come to a party?

I mean a real celebration — a time of joy and laughter with friends and family. Come this Sunday. I know it will truly be an Easter Party.

Following is a poem Ann Weems wrote that gives us some images to think of for Sunday!

Come to the Easter Party

I think on Easter morning we should throw confetti in church!

No?

What about a little fanfare?

A deafening drum roll?

A three-minute standing ovation?

What? Have we had the drums beaten out of us that we in the celebrative community can't really

Get excited

About God's aliveness?

About God's love given to us unconditionally?

Have we given Easter to the lilly bearers, the bunny rabbits, the patent leather shoes?

Let's face it:

We live as though we don't believe in Easter.

We're the crowd—
Easily swayed, easily scared,
Easily calling for blood.
We're the good church people
Who can't believe Jesus meant love one
another—

Not all the one anothers,

Not drug addicts and criminals.

We hate injustice when it's injustice toward us;

We love mercy when it's mercy for us;

We walk humbly with our God when it's convenient.

We're Babe Believers who resist the resurrection;

We're Christmas Christians who are very good at Celebrating Christ's birth.

We can cling to the Babe.

We're even Crucifixion Christians,

Agonizing, sympathizing,

Relating to the Hero of the Cross.

We can rock a Baby;

We can weep for a Dead Man;

But what can we do with a 33-year old who won't let the story end?

Easter scares us

Because we're the people who can't believe

That God gives us abundant Life;

We think we have to earn it.

In our pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstrap society

It's hard to remember that God doesn't buy the self-made man.

So we in the church spend our lives showing God

What good people we are,

What achievers we are,

How much we deserve God's love.

We want to pay our own way,

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Our sympathy is extended to **Donald and Sarah Smith** in the death of **Don's brother Paul** last week.

Ralph Reynolds is a patient at St. Joe Hospital.

Our prayers are with <u>Bev</u>
<u>Hendricks</u> and her family as she begins radiation treatments.

Congratulations to the following new members who joined last Sunday — **Doyle & Roberta (Bobbie) Dawe** in transfer from Ridgeview Christian Church, Kansas City, MO, and to **Fran Beckwith** — confession on March 20 and baptism on March 27. Thanks goes to **Sue Oden** her mentor.

Youth News!!!

No Youth Group this Sunday!

Next week we will meet at the regular time. We will start to practice for Strings and Stars and plan our mysterious gift planting.

May 1 — Parent Youth Night!

We want all the parents to come and celebrate the year with our youth. We also will have summer camp information.

It's a pitch-in, so please bring some food.



On Palm Sunday, a number of people came together to present what we hope was a spiritually uplifting experience for everyone. We wish to thank and acknowledge the following people:

Bishop Theodulp - Bob Bier The Jailer - Shannon Lutz King Louis I - Ray Stover The People - Chancel Choir The Children - Creative Arts Bells - Mike Mullen

Props & costumes - Sue Oden, Don Oden, Barb Bond, Charles McGrew, Sandy Zimmerman, Dick Mey, and Fran Beckwith.

I want to thank all the wonderful people for their prayers, visits, flowers and many cards during my illness. They meant a lot to me!

> Love, Opal Carper

We would like to thank the following youth for their help with distributing the Easter flowers:

Jessica Anderson Tameka Anderson Justin Beckwith Kristie Howard Katie Moll Josie Quick D.J. Rinker

Easter flower donations listed

- Alice Nulf in memory of Robert
 Nulf.
- Evelyn Yeoman in honor of all my good friends at FCC, especially Jerry and Diane.
- Deborah M. Rinker in memory of Kristina Marie Rinker.
- ▼ John & Kris Ohneck in memory of Dan Perrey (Kris Ohneck's stepfather), in honor of Denay Ohneck's 21st birthday, and in memory of Bruce & Wilbert Ohneck (John's uncles).
- Mary Wilhelm in honor of her grandsons.
- Dave Kreischer in memory of Arabella Kreischer.
- Marvel Brickley in memory of her husband, Vaughn Brickley.
- Kathy Marvel in memory of her brother, Dan Allmon.
- Grace Truby in memory of her son, Max Truby.
- Glenn & Lola Miller in honor of Glenn's brother, Alpha Miller, who is 97 years old.
- Laurie Bushey in memory of Gerald Weaver and Evelyn Warkentien.
- Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of their daughter, Linda Kirtley, and in memory of good friends, Jeanne Feltenberger and Bill

- & Mamie Caldwell.
- ▼ Ron Lester in memory of Robert & Retha Lester.
- Katherine & Warren Smart in memory of their parents.
- Marlo & Josie Quick in memory of grandmothers, Lois Hunt & Mary Vanderwall and in honor of parents & grandparents, Dick & Erma Vanderwall.
- Bob & Bev Hendricks in memory of their parents, Simon & Elizabeth Hendricks and Edgar & Osie Guild.
- Jo & John Weyer in memory of their parents.
- Pat Booher in honor of Tyler McCoy.
- Sue Oden in honor of her special friend, Fran Beckwith.
- Lillian Busse in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles King, Mel Busse, and Arthur Busse.
- ▼ Deb Lehman in honor of her children.
- Eve Gorman in memory of Holly O'Brien.
- Dick & Becca Widmer in honor of Becca's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Fortenbery and Christopher Olson.
- Jackie Keller in memory of Ralph
 W. Keller

Donations listed

- Ed & Sue Allen in memory of Greg Allen
- Kathy Marvel in memory of Velva Hively
- Shirley Dibble in memory of Bette Haines
- Mark & Pauline Snyder in memory of Nick Keirn
- Estel & Lori Vandergriff in honor of their daughter, Paige
- Mary King in memory of her mother,
 Ina Smith
 - Judy & Ralph Church in memory of Nick Keirn
- Harriett Cole
- Jean McGrew
- ▼ Dick & Judy Mey

Here to Zehr

But Easter says it's already been paid! Easter says, no matter how prodigal, We can go home again!

So come to the Easter party! Let's celebrate that amazing grace

That in Christ's resurrection

We are still loved even at our most outrageous.

The Lord has given us the music; All we need to do is dance it! Come to the Easter party! Peace, Jerry

Faith Fellowship Note:

This Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. our class will be seeing a video that shows a children's inner-city ministry program in New York City led by Bill Wilson.

Recently, this same program has been started in Fort Wayne and the Prechtles and Hattens are involved in it. Brian Prechtl will lead our discussion as we see what is possible if we would decide to be in mission with these children living in the inner-city of Fort Wayne.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Charles & Ardith Wrisk as they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. They were married on March 28, 1925.

Candidate-Mentor Program Spring Membership Class

Reminders for Easter Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

- Candidates for baptism should meet Larry Brey by the church office at 10:15 a.m.
- Mentors, Candidates for Membership and Representatives lighting candles should meet in the Narthex at 10:30 a.m.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Christ United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Foster Park 8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee7:00 p.m. Constitution Committee7:00 p.m. Children's Sunday School Teacher Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Happy Birthday April 9-15

Donald Kampenga(9), Ann Sands(9), Linda Cobb(9), Charles Ludwig(10), Betty Grimm(10), Becky Glasgow(10), Adam Hayes(12), Phyllis Tobias(13), Josie Quick(13), Margaret Prechtl(14), Golden Rose(14), Fern Strole(14), Ruth Yost(15)

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"Wresting with Angels" class in Parlor

Starting this Sunday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor, the Rev. Jerry Zehr will feature a video series for six weeks on the following topics:

Guidance with Tony Campolo How do I know what to do?

Why me? with Philip Yancey
If you're so good why are things so awful?

<u>Prayer</u> with Richard Foster Why don't my prayers get answered? Forgiving with Lewis Smedes How do I forgive and get on with my life?

<u>Doubt</u> with Madeleine L'Engle Who can I question and still believe?

<u>Love</u> with Keith Miller Why is loving so hard?

This class is designed especially for those who are not regularly attending a Sunday school class newcomers to the church.

Spring Spruce-up Day April 16 °

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It provides good fellowship and is a big help to the church.

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From Here to Zehr-

Could you believe Snow on Easter?!?

Our outdoor Sunrise Service was a bit cold, but we had over 40 people at the park.

Even the snow could not stop our voices from praising God. Thanks to the people of the Covenant Bible Study group for leading the service.

Easter services were great celebrations. I hope everyone will be in worship this Sunday for our services.

We will have Becca Windmer and

Ginny Johnson giving us our special music, and my sermon is entitled, "The Morning After."

I hope some of you who are not attending a Sunday School class will join me this Sunday in the new study (see front page) I will be leading.

May you live each day as if it were like Easter Sunday, for we truly are "Easter People" in the Resurrected Christ.

Peace, Jerry

Upcoming Strings & Stars explained

The Strings and Stars was the name given to our Spaghetti Supper (Strings) and Talent Show (Stars).

The youth prepare the food and serve you at your table, and then you get to relax and enjoy the show.

We have had some wild acts, with our own "Singing Nuns" doing a song from the movie Sister Act last year.

We look forward to another year of great food and entertainment.

The proceeds go to the youth group's work trip in the summer.

What's the cost?

Adults - \$5

Children - \$3

(ages 10 and under)

The supper includes salad, bread, spaghetti, assorted pies and a drink.

How do I make reservations?

Call the church office at 744-3239 as soon as possible!

When is it?

Sunday, April 24 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

3rd Annual

Strings & Stars Caberet

April 24 -- 6 p.m.

First Christian Dinner Theatre

Dinner and Show cost:

Adults: \$5

Children up to 10 years: \$3

Call 744-3239 to make your reservation(s).

I was hungry and you gave me food

We have not done very well in our Fishes and Loaves Drive for the Food Bank this year.

So far we have collected about 30 pounds of tuna and salmon. Last year we collected almost 300 pounds. I don't expect to match last year's effort, but if you will concentrate on buying tuna when you buy food for the Food Bank collection this Sunday we should get near 100 pounds. Please try, as we are giving out tuna faster than we are collecting it!

The month of March was as busy as any we have had in years. The last two weeks were the busiest I can remember.

We were distributing so much food that I had to get a van load almost every day we were open.

Now that spring is here, with more demand for seasonal jobs, maybe there will be less demand for our services. It is very discouraging to read that the economy is improving, with so many new jobs available, only to see that the need for food is staying the same or increasing.

Yours in Christ Wes

The office will be closed Friday, April 8, as the Church carpets will be shampooed.

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Our sympathy is extended to <u>Scott</u> <u>Berry (Laurie Bushey's fiancee)</u> in the death of his father, <u>Fred Berry</u>, last week.

Ralph Reynolds is home from the hospital.

Congratulations to our new members as they were baptized Easter Sunday:

Christopher Olson, Cortney Lyons,

Billy Suder. Eric Dawe also transferred his membership to First Christian last Sunday. Thanks goes to Leo Heimann, Anne Moll, Sam Hayes and John Kelly who served as the new members' mentors.



We wish to extend our sincere thank you to all for their calls, visits, and cards.

- Don & Valetta Parlette

Bless you all that made telephone calls, visits to my home this winter and sent cards and the Easter Basket. Thanks goes especially to the Rev. Zehr, Jackie Keller, Evelyn Yeoman and Judy Mey and her ladies group that gave me the Easter Basket. Thank you all.

- Lucille Branstrator

Important information/reminders given

The Youth Group will meet this Sunday, April 10 at 6 p.m.

The Capital Task Force will meet Monday, April 11 at 5 p.m.

The Evangelism Task Force Committee will meet this coming Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

The <u>Gospel Seekers Class</u> will be going to Ernie's Steak House in Georgetown on Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m.

Contact Rosemary Krull for your reservation at 432-6181 by April 10. All are welcome!

The cost is whatever you order to eat.

First Christian Church will participate again this year at the **Southtown Neighborhood Fair** on April 23 and April 24.

Quadrennial Assembly Reminder ...

To go as a group, the registration form and money must be sent in by Friday, April 15. Call Sue Brey at 447-3540 for your registration form today!

Reminder:

If you turn it on — turn it off.

Please leave a room as you found it.

Pick up after yourself.

-- The Property Committee

Happy Birthday April 16-22

April 16-22

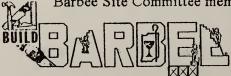
John Weyer (16),
Diane Freimuth (16),
Derrick Farr (17), Lillian Busse (17),
bob Mitchell (18), Kathryn Cullen (19),
Arlene Downes (20), Opal Carper (21),
Karen Beryl Zimmerman (21),
Julia Arnold (21),
and Jack Hayes (22).

Build Camp Barbee campaign underway

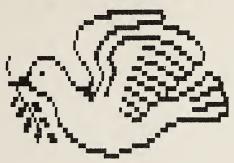
The Build Barbee campaign is underway and additional contributions are still needed. Capital improvements to the camp are funded entirely by designated gifts made by churches and individuals.

We would like to start construction by September, so funding is needed by July. With the current matching funds, an individual's gift of \$1 can provide up to \$6 for the project.

--- Ken Taylor
Barbee Site Committee member



The Festival Choir in Concert



Sunday April 17 at 5:00 p.m. West Creighton Christian Church

Sandwich & Salad Smorgasbord Following

The Festival Choir especially invites YOU as they present for their host congregation

"MANY SONGS...
ONE VOICE"

SERVING APRIL 10 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Charles Ludwig & Ralph Church 10:45 a.m. Gene Klepfer & Eileen Klepfer

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts 6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho 6:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

5:00 p.m. Capital Study Task Force 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Task Force Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle 12:00 noon DMA to Botanical Gardens 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

7:00 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 a.m. Spring Spruce-Up Day

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Church to participate in neighborhood fair

Mark your calendar now for Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24 to attend the South Fort Wayne Neighborhood Fair at Southtown Mall.

First Christian Church (F.C.C.) is excited to be one of approximately 100 churches, neighborhood associations, schools, businesses and service organizations who will be displaying their history, fundraising events, future plans and programs and services available — all in support of our fine City.

In conjunction with the Fort Wayne Healthy Cities Committee, the South Side Futuring Conference and Southtown Mall, the South Fort Wayne Neighborhood Fair gives F.C.C. an excellent opportunity to let the community know we are here and are ready to serve.

The Rev. Diane Zehr and Fran Beckwith have the enthusiasm and have captured the spirit of Spring to let others know about F.C.C. by utilizing this year's Vacation Bible School theme for our booth, which will be the "Marvelous, Mystical Sonrise Forest".

Several volunteers are needed to man the booth, discuss F.C.C.'s

programs/services as well as read Bible stories to little children.

Please show the attendees of the Fair how active and vital F.C.C. is by volunteering your time in this evangelistic endeavor. By all means show your support of the future of the South Fort Wayne Neighborhood by viewing the other 100 plus booths on display.

Volunteers should contact Fran Beckwith at 482-3369 as soon as possible.

Youth Flash...

This Sunday the youth will meet at 5:30 p.m. (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE) at the church to go to "Youth Explosion" to be held at First Assembly of God.

On Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m., we will decorate for Strings & Stars. Then on Sunday, April 24, the youth should be at the church by 5 p.m.

On Sunday, May 1, we will have a Parent-Youth Dessert Surprise. Every family should bring their favorite dessert to share with others. We will celebrate the year and then talk about camp and this upcoming summer.

From Here to Zehr-

"One out of every four people you invite to church will accept."

- Curtis Schofield

Have you invited anyone to church in the past six months?

The church only will grow if we become good hosts and invite others into our community.

Below are <u>four special events</u> in the next month that you could invite someone to our church.

On Sunday, April 24 is our Strings & Stars Talent Show and Dinner. This will be a social activity that will let others find

out that Christians can have fun too.

Then on **Sunday**, **May 8**, which is Mother's Day, the children will be singing.

Following on Sunday, May 15 is Bell Sunday. Our great handbell choir will play some special music throughout the service. Finally, on Sunday, May 22, we will have choir Sunday. The choir will sing some beautiful musical selections.

Let's reach out and invite someone to church. It might be the best gift you can give them.

Peace, Jerry

Annual First Christian Golf Outing May 14

First Christian Church's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, May 14.

Yes, golf season is here! It's time to get out the clubs, clean the spikes and start telling your favorite golf story.

Each year we have prizes for the longest drive,

closest to the hole, and the team with the best score.



This year's golf outing will be a Florida Scramble, so if you are a "Hacker" (like most of us), do not worry because you will have three other teammates you can blame.

We will begin play at 8 a.m. at Fairview Golf Course. Call the church office to sign-up.

Make your Strings & Stars reservations

Have you ever seen the Chipmunk's version of the line dance to the song, "Achy-Braky-Heart?"

This is just one of the wild acts to be performed at the Strings & Stars Dinner Show on Sunday, April 24 at 6 p.m.

It is not to late to make your reservations. Call the church office at 744-3239 to reserve your spot.

Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (10 and under).

Bring a friend!!!

Childrens' Ministries Team forming now

Have you ever wondered how we could do a more effective job of teaching our children the stories of faith?

This fall we have a chance to do that.

We have a new series of lessons called, "Journey Through the Bible." It is a three year series that begins in Genesis and goes through Revelation.

All children and youth will be studying the same lesson, and we are even hoping to have an adult class for those who want to start from the basics of learning the Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation.

In order to accomplish this, we are developing a team of "learners - teachers" who will covenant to meet weekly on

A.B.I.L. Notes...

On Sunday, April 17, we will meet with Bill Franklin, who will be leading us in studying more of our Wisdom Literature.

Then on Sunday, April 24, we will not meet since it is the evening for Strings and Stars (Don't miss it!!!).

Finally, on Sunday, May 1, we will be back to our regularly scheduled meeting. Diane Zehr will lead the discussion.

It's time to register

Camping is an experience in Christian living — an opportunity to "live out" the faith. In a natural setting, we explore God's world and what it means to be a community of faith. See the insert included for a schedule of camps.

Monday evenings for our own time of study and for planning our weekly lessons.

Five persons have already responded to this call to educational ministry, but perhaps it is your <u>call</u> too.

I can promise you this:

- · You will grow spiritually
- Children and youth will grow too
- You'll learn the basics of God's
 Word the Bible
- You'll give the gift of faith to another generation

Please contact Diane Zehr if you want more information about this ministry opportunity or if you want to join our team.

Joys once it

Our sympathy is extended to the family of <u>Bueford Tharp</u> who died this week.

Helen Jordan is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Congratulations to Klark & Christine Kerley in the birth of a baby girl, Caitlin Alexis, born on March 31. She weighed 6 lb. 6 oz. Congratulations also to Bill & Sue Kerley, the proud grandparents!

If you have a Joy and/or Concern, call the church office at 744-3239.

APRIL 13, 1994

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The alternate date for the spruce-up party is Saturday, May 7.

Softball players needed

Softball season is here.

Our co-ed softball team needs players! We will play on Tuesday evenings during the summer. If you are interested in playing, please call the church office (744-3239) to sign-up.

Creative Arts practices set

Creative Arts will have two practices on April 16 and 23 from 9 to 10 a.m. to prepare for Strings & Stars

Happy Birthday

April 23-29

Becca Widmer (23),
Megan Geroff (23), Dick Mey (23),
Devera Harter (24),
Grady Vanderwall (24),
Vera Watson (25), Janet Kratzat (28),
and Jessie Fern Woodward (28).



A special thank-you goes to **Bob Smith** for the beautiful bookcase in the teachers resource center.

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Call 744-3239 to make your reservation(s).

Invite a friend to church this Sunday!

Calling all parents...

Church Camp is a wise investment

The upcoming summer will provide our youth with many choices as to how to spend their vacation time. Their choices are unlimited.

When considering summer opportunities with your child, we invite you to consider one such event as a major investment in your children's future.

That investment is church camp. Consider it a spiritual one.

Hundreds of today's church lay leaders and clergy have testified that many

of the seeds of their faith were rooted deeper at summer church camp.

Church camping gives our youth the opportunity to experience a variety of facets of living within a wider community in the out-of-doors.

What does church camp have to offer youth?

How about s w i m m i n g, boating (at Lake Barbee), crafts, music, hiking, c o o k - o u t s, worship, creative Bible and spiritual instruction, organized recreation, a natural environment and counselors dedicated to witnessing their faith in Jesus Christ.

Camps are designed for youth entering grade three and older.

The Commission on Camps and Conferences of the Christian Church in Indiana has worked hard to design a program to meet the many needs of campers — social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual. Also, most importantly,

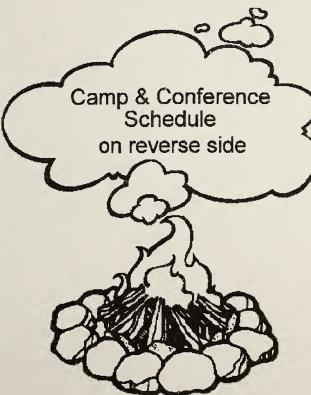
church is FUN!

Let's try not to think of church camp this summer as just another event to choose from, but as a tool for our youth to build spiritual foundations for life. Church camp isn't just an event; it's a future!

For more information on church camp, see the Rev. Diane Zehr.

See the schedule on the reverse side of this page.

Please register early.



1994 CAMP AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: Some grade levels slightly changed from last year!

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP New Beginnings: (entering grades 3,4)	CAMP DATES June 27-29 June 30-July 2	CAMP DIRECTORS V.J. Stover/ Jerry Zehr/Diane Zehr	COST \$64 \$64
<u>Level I</u> : (entering grades 5,6,7)	June 13-18 July 18-23 August 8-13	Barb Jones/Joe Johnson Olga Bailey/Linda Klinck James Gazaway/Max Rixman	\$127 \$127 \$127
Level II: (entering grades 8,9)	·	Neil Allen/Deb Zuercher Dave Kovalow-St. John/ Mary Jane Gregan-Dolphin	\$127 \$138
<u>Level III</u> : (entering grades 10-12 & completing grade 12)	July 25-30 July 4-9 August 1-6	Mark MacWhorter/Beth MacWhorter Jeff Reese/Rick Williams Jim Hollis/Tonja Gerardy	\$138 \$138
Post High Family Camp	May 18-21 September 2-5	Jim Hollis/Kyle Harris T.B.A. Varying	\$82 Fees
BEDFORD CHRISTIAN CAMP	CAMP DATES	CAMP DIRECTORS	COST
New Beginnings: (entering grades 3,4)	July 25-27 July 28-30	Will Jewsbury Sam Davenport	\$64 \$64
Level I: (entering grades 5,6,7)	June 13-18 June 20-25 July 11-16	John Williams/Holly Payton Gary Edge Jim Payton/Larry Mattes	\$127 \$127 \$127
Level II: (entering grades 8,9)	June 27-July 2 July 18-23	Kyle Harris/Wade Miller Ryan Hazan/Steve Moore	\$127 \$127
Level III: (entering grades 10-12 (& completing grade 12)	July 4-9	Mike McHarg/Jennifer McHarg	\$138
OFF-SITE EVENTS: Trail Camp New Mexico Work Camp Global Awareness Pilgrim Honduras Youth Trip Level III, M.A.D. Just Do It Work Camp	June 17-23 June 12-25 age June 19-27 July 7-21 July 24-30 July 24-30	Doug Gorrell Angie Murdock/Rob, Max Rixman Frank Everett Carla McNelly/Steve Enz Doug Duncan Dan Schroeder/Connie Huston	\$138 \$295 \$795 \$1200 \$175 \$60

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announces. . .

AN ECUMENICAL OVERSEAS WORK OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-30)

USA ~ RUSSIA ECUMENICAL WORKCAMP AUGUST 1 TO 21, 1994

- ** Twenty-five North American participants will be joined by Russian young adults for the workcamp (possible site is a farm affiliated with a covenant in central Russia).
- ** There will be a brief tour of the "Golden Ring" of historical cities around Moscow.
- ** An orientation will be held August 1st and 2nd prior to departure in New York.

Cost: Approximately \$2000 ~ includes everything but travel to New York

Scholarships available (on a first come/first served basis) from DOM through VIM Office. Contact Jayna Powell, at (317) 353-1499, extension 342).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 1994!!!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 17

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10:45 a.m. Second Worship

5:30 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts

6:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

6:00 p.m. Gospel Seeker's Class at Ernie's Steak House, Georgetown

7:00 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

5:45 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

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to decorate for Strings & Stars
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Strings & Stars to be held Sunday

Have you ever seen the Chipmunk's version of the line dance to the song, "Achy-Breaky-Heart?"

This is just one of the wild acts to be performed at the Strings & Stars Dinner Show on Sunday, April 24 at 6 p.m.

The dinner includes salad, bread, spaghetti, assorted pies and a drink.

The youth will prepare the food and serve you at your table, and then you get to relax and enjoy the show.

It is not too late to make your reservations. Call the church office at 744-3239 to reserve your spot.

Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (10 and under).

The proceeds go to the youth group's work trip in the summer.

Bring a friend!!!

Spring Spruce-up Day held again Saturday



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Hear ye, hear ye!

Your help is needed this Saturday to help do some outside spring cleaning.

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, we will trim and

plant bushes. In addition, we will work to clean-up the outside of the church.

It will be a lot of fun.

It provides good fellowship and is a big help to the church.

The alternate date for the spruce-up party is Saturday, May 7.

CWF Board time changed

The CWF Executive Board meeting on Saturday, April 23 has been changed to 4 p.m. This is a very important meeting.

From Here to Zehr-

During this last weekend, Diane and I attended our daughter's senior vocal recital at her college. A lot of our extended family came to celebrate this special day in Lori's life.

After the recital on our way home, Diane and I wondered how Lori would remember this day. It seemed like she was so nervous. She just wanted to be done with it all, yet having all of her friends from college and family come hear her sing must have had an impact on her.

To often we have those "special moments" in our lives that we "just want to

get through them." We need to savor those moments like a good meal or glass of wine and let them nourish our souls.

Last Sunday was a day in our daughter's life I hope she will savor. God surprises us with many "special moments." I hope this week you will recognize and savor one of those moments and be drunk with the wine of life!

Diane and I look forward to being in worship with you this Sunday!

Peace, Jerry

South Fort Wayne Neighborhood Fair update

On Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, Southtown Mall will be bursting at the seams with over 100 booths representing churches, organizations and businesses who will be displaying their wears and services.

Our very own family of First Christian Church will be one of the 100 booths on display.

We will be offering "Story Time" for young children and informational brochures for adults.

To add to the

excitement, some of our musically talented family members will be performing on Center Stage of the Mall from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, so please make an effort to support our community of faith by attending the fair!

Hope to see your there!

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If you can help in any way or if you have items to be picked up, please call Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 or the church office.

Sewing Kits = Economic justice for women

You are invited to help women of the world achieve economic justice by participating in the 1993-94 International CWF Project which is donating sewing kits to Church World Service.

Kits will go to villages and inner city vocational centers. They have recently been sent to Liberia, Sudan Tanzania, the Solomon Islands and Angola.

Kits promote economic justice as women learn sewing and tailoring with part of the material. With the remaining material they make a garment to be sold. They can then purchase additional material. Thus skills are learned and new jobs and income are produced as a result of the sewing kit.

A sewing kit consists of:

- 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend fabric
- 1 pkg. hand sewing needles
- 1 spool matching thread
- 6 matching buttons

If you are able to donate any of the above items, please place them in the collection box in the Fellowship Hall. If you would rather give a monetary donation

to allow someone else to purchase the items or to assist with shipping and processing which is .25 cents per pound.

Please send it to the church office or clearly mark it as such and put it in the offering plate before Saturday, April 30.

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Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joe Hospital.

Helen Jordan has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

John Michael Selzer, brother of Kathy Miller, died in a car accident last Friday. Our sympathy is extended to Brad & Kathy.

Becki & Gary Nunnally are the proud parents of Angela Michelle born on March 29, 1994. She was 6 lbs. and 15 oz and 20" long. The Nunnally's address is 5015 Willow Road, Zionsville, IN 46077.

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Each year we have prizes for the

longest drive, closest to the hole, and the team with the best score.

This year's golf outing will be a Florida Scramble.

We will begin play at 8 a.m. at Fairview Golf Course. Call the church office to sign-up.

Childrens' Ministries Team forming now

Have you ever wondered how we could do a more effective job of teaching our children the stories of faith?

This fall we have a chance to do that.

We have a new series of lessons called, "Journey Through the Bible." It is a three year series that begins in Genesis and goes through Revelation.

All children and youth will be studying the same lesson, and we are even hoping to have an adult class for those who want to start from the basics of learning the Bible stories from Genesis to Revelation.

In order to accomplish this, we are developing a team of "learners - teachers" who will covenant to meet weekly on

Softball players needed

Softball season is here.

Our co-ed softball team needs players!
We will play on Tuesday evenings
during the summer. If you are interested in
playing, please call the church office (7443239) to sign-up.

Happy Birthday

April 30 to May 6
Mildred Hutchinson (30),
Gini Brown (2), Inez Petty (3),
Larry Busse (3), Ray Stover (4),
Lea Jackson (5), Nick Lyons (5), and
Ralph Reynolds (6).

Monday evenings for our own time of study and for planning our weekly lessons.

Five persons have already responded to this call to educational ministry, but perhaps it is your <u>call</u> too.

I can promise you this:

- · You will grow spiritually
- · Children and youth will grow too
- You'll learn the basics of God's Word the Bible
- You'll give the gift of faith to another generation

Please contact Diane Zehr if you want more information about this ministry opportunity or if you want to join our team.

3rd Annual

Strings & Stars Cabaret

April 24 -- 6 p.m.

First Christian Dinner Theatre

Dinner and Show cost:

Adults: \$5

Children up to 10 years: \$3

Call 744-3239 to make your reservation(s).

Invite a friend to church this Sunday!

Area I CWF Spring Workshop here April 30

The Area I CWF Spring Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Christian Church on Saturday, April 30.

The theme for the 1994-95 study year is "Cherish the Children".

There will be an overview of the three new studies.

Speakers will represent Daybreak Children's Shelter, A Baby's Closet, and Three Rivers Health Services.

Alice Hupp will present slides from her trip to Africa which is the 1994-95 mission study.

There will be books for sale, ideas for service projects, and information on Ouadrennial.

The cost is \$6 payable at the door.

Lunch is included.

Childcare will be provided if requested.

Money from the Blessing Boxes will be collected. We will also be collecting Sewing Kits (See information in Tidings).

Call Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 for information or to request childcare.

A.B.I.L. Notes...

On Sunday, April 24, we will not meet since it is the evening for Strings and Stars (Don't miss it!!!).

Finally, on Sunday, May 1, we will be back to our regularly scheduled meeting. Diane Zehr will lead the discussion.

What is in store for the Christian Church?

What directions should the church take to meet its needs in the 21st century?

How can churches be one with each other regardless of denomination?

What is expected of today's ministers and lay leaders?

How can your congregation be involved in mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)?

Such questions come to mind as you listen to and view one of two videos or an audiotape featuring Richard L. Hamm, general minister and president.

In the first part of a 60-minute video, Dr. Hamm shares his thoughts on the mission and future of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Dr. Hamm and three church leaders reflect on the future of the church in the second program. Each section of the tape can be used separately.

The audio tape is the

lecture given by Dr. Hamm in Nashville, TN for church leaders. While emphasis is on pastoral leadership, it also speaks to lay persons and their role in shaping the future of the church.

The videotape is \$15 and the audiotape is \$5. Send your name, address and phone number, along with check made payable to the Office of Communication, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

SERVING APRIL 24 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Kathy Graham & John Ohneck 10:45 a.m. Jerry Zimmerman & Jane Walsh

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. S. Knuckles, J. Lindsay, B.
Lindsay, A. Knappenberger
10:45 a.m. K. Place, J.Davis, S. Zimmerman, J. Smelser, E. Vandergriff,
J. Mounsey, L. McFarland, M.

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8:15 a.m. J. Ott, A. Cook, C. Byrket 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, K. Miller, C. Falbe, J. Anderson

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C. Hatten - J. Davis
D. Mey - J. Mey
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Shari Wilson

ACOLYTES

Tameka Anderson & Megan McEvoy EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Marle Quick

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Bob & Bev Hendricks

Team II - Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Judy Church 10:45 a.m. Frank Beckwith

CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, APRIL 23 - Southtown

Neighborhood Fair

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4:00 p.m. CWF Executive Board

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TUESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs 7:30 p.m. Committees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

7:00 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

5:45 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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Parent - Youth Night this Sunday

Attention all parents of First Christian youth - please be at the church this <u>Sunday</u>, <u>May 1 at 6 p.m.</u> for a special Parent - Youth Night.

We would like all the parents of our youth in grades 6 - 12 to come to the

church with their youth for a spring rally.

We will celebrate the past year's activities and look to the summer plans.

We want every family to bring their favorite dessert to share with others.

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From Here to Zehr-

I am amazed! I really am!

During this past weekend, I saw the incredible amount of talent and leadership that our church is blessed with.

First on Friday evening, Diane and I hosted the newcomers Sunday School Class at our clubhouse. It was encouraging to see the faces of enthusiastic new members of our church.

Then on Saturday, our Evangelism Task Force sponsored a booth at the South Side Neighborhood Fair. (A big thank you goes to Frank and Fran Beckwith for organizing this activity).

Also on Saturday, Larry Brey led a group of workers at the church for a Spring Spruce-Up day. Meanwhile, Jennifer Mounsey and Brian Prechtl organized the youth in decorating for Strings & Stars.

The drama group also met Saturday to practice for their performance next Saturday at the C.W.F. Spring Workshop.

Lastly, on Sunday evening we had 135

people in attendance at our 3rd Annual Strings & Stars Cabaret. We had 14 different acts for the show with 22 youth serving as waiters and waitresses. Many thanks goes to the adults who helped in the kitchen, people who baked pies, performers, and the servers.

It was a great night of fun, food and fellowship.

Now you see why I started this article saying, "I'm amazed!"

What a weekend filled with talent and leadership. And, these activities did not include those displayed on Sunday morning such as the elders serving homebound communion, church school teachers teaching, the choir singing and the two people who came forward to be baptized. It was a great weekend in the life of the church!

Peace, Jerry

Are you a volleyball enthusiast?!?

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We are hoping this will be a way of reaching out to the unchurched in a non-threatening way.

We need someone who will be willing to set-up the net and get the game started.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the Rev. Jerry or Diane Zehr at 744-3239.

LEAD Group will meet Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

CWF Spring Banquet to be May 23

The CWF Spring Banquet will be Monday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Joining us will be Emerine Jane Holman Hamilton, temperance and

women's rights advocate.

In 1828, Emerine Hamilton married the handsome, Irish, red-haired Allen Hamilton, and lived, at first, in the Old Fort. A natural leader of women, she was admired for her opinion and judgment.

Through her efforts, the First Presbyterian Church became the first congregation in town to allow women to

Church Women United Fellowship Day May 6

Church Women United will have its May Fellowship Day at Waynedale United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 6.

The title of the program is "Go, See and Act in Community." This is an opportunity to learn ways that we can help our city, state, country and world.

The Bible study begins at 11 a.m. and the luncheon follows at 12 noon. The program will follow the luncheon.

Cost is \$5. Child care is available.

Reservations must be made by Sunday, May 3 to Marie Moser, P.O. Box 233, Woodburn, IN 46797.

The Drama Group will meet Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the church

vote at its meetings.

She was active in the local Women's Temperance Society, and entertained Susan B. Anthony when she addressed the Allen County Woman's Rights Association in 1874.

Mary Jo Meyer of First Presbyterian Church will present Mrs. Hamilton's story.

All women and men are invited to attend. Please bring a covered dish.

Installation of the 1994-95 CWF officers will follow the program.

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Kyle Kerley and Miles Wilson. Kyle's confession, baptism and membership took place on April 24. Miles' confession of faith took place on March 20 and then his baptism and membership was on April 24. Thanks goes to their mentors Dick Mey and Julia Arnold.

Margaret Snouffer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Edna Norblom is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mildred Hogg is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

SERVING MAY 1 ELDERS

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DIACONATE & GREETERS

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10:45 a.m. J. McGrew, M. Rieke, E. Rieke, L. Brey, S. Brey, W. Klepfer, L. Bushey, B. Glasgow USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, J. Young, C. Davis 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, K. Place, H. Banet, D. J. Rinker

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Claire Ewing & Melissa Brey EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Kathy Miller

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team II - Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Lauren Ewing 10:45 a.m. Marlo Quick

CHURCH CALENDAR

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6 p.m. Parent/Youth Meeting
6 p.m. Creative Arts
6 p.m. A.B.I.L.
7:30 p.m. LEAD

MONDAY, MAY 2

5 p.m. Capital Study Task Force 7 p.m. Evangelism Task Force TUESDAY, MAY 3

12 noon D.M.A. Potluck

5:30 p.m. Constitution Committee

7 p.m. Finance Committee 9:45 p.m. Softball Game at Johnny Appleseed

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

7:00 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Happy Birthday-May 7-13

Dave Arnos (7), Dick Vanderwall (8), Jackie Keller (8), William Branstrator (8), Alison Knappenberger (8), Jo Franklin (10), Laurie Bushey (12), Christina Parker (12), Bernice Schnobel (13), Donna McEvoy (13)

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Special Mother's Day service planned

The men from the choir will serenade all of the women of the church this Sunday, May 8.

The Rev. Zehr then will be giving a message entitled, "What a son learned from his mother!"

Bring your mother to worship this Sunday, and give thanks to the Lord!

Each adult woman who attends either service will receive a small gift in celebration of Mother's Day.



Bring your treasures this week!

The CWF Rummage Sale is next Saturday, May 14 from 9 to 5 p.m.

We need you to bring any idems to the church this week, so we can start to get organized.

This is the CWF main money making project, and they need everyone's contributions.

Items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall.

Southtown Neighborhood Fair wrap-up

A tremendous thank-you to all those who helped with the Southtown Neighborhood Fair April 23 and 24.

Over 200 pieces of information about First Christian Church, 1994 summer activities and the Baby Closet were passed out along with bookmarks.

The enthusiasm from our storytellers

to our family members who enjoyed a hour of fantastic FCC talent on stage was greatly appreciated. The entire weekend was very special in that so many members chose to "Take a Step" and let others see and feel the spirit of God's love they carry with them.

-The Evangelism Task Force

From Here to Zehr-

"Dancing with Dinosaurs!"

This was the title of my sermon last Sunday, as I began to explore how the church will need to change and adapt to present times, so we do not become extinct like the dinosaurs.

The reality is the church is no longer in the center of influence in our society, but has been marginalized to the outside. The fastest growing group in our society is the "secular" denomination.

If the church is to be a relevant and transforming influence, it will have to continue to change with the times. The churches that are growing have been able to do this. I know many of you want our church to grow also.

On Saturday, June 4, Jeff Wilson, the vice-president of the Center for Congregational Growth, will be our guest for the day. He will meet with our elders, board and worship committees, and then he will speak to the congregation at a special dinner that evening for everyone at 6 p.m.

I hope you will make this dinner a priority and be at the church for this special gathering of the community.

Jeff will give us some honest and specific suggestions for our church to continue to be a vital congregation in the 21st century.

Peace, Jerry

Mark your calendars!!!

Youth News

No Youth Group will be held this Sunday, May 8, but we will have our year-end party on Sunday, May 15. Watch *Tidings* for more information.

Creative Arts Children

A special practice will be held this Saturday, May 7 at 9 a.m. to prepare a song to sing in worship this Sunday, which is Mother's Day.

Are you Graduating?

If there is someone in your family who is graduating from high school or college, would you please let the church know by Monday, May 16. We would like to recognize all graduates in worship on June 5, 1994.

A.B.I.L. Notes

Our <u>last</u> session for the year will be held on Sunday, May 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

It's been a good year with lots of learning. Let's end it well. See you there.

-Diane Zehr

More important info...

Continued on page 3

I was hungry and you gave me food

Sunday is Mother's Day and a lot of mothers will be going out for lunch or dinner. Sunday is also Food Bank Sunday, and most of our clients won't be going out to eat.

With the increasing demand we have have been seeing this year, we are running short on volunteers and food. Maybe you

can help with both.

We can use all staple items; they don't need to be expensive — just nourishing. We also need more volunteers. Could you work one or two days a month?

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. If you cannot work regularly, could you help occasionally when a worker is sick or has

Mark your calendars

Continued from page 2 Sarah Circle

You're invited to join the Sarah Circle for dinner at the new Casa D'Angelos on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Call Sue Brey at 447-3540 before May 13.

Let the Bells Ring

On Sunday, May 15, our inspiring Handbell Choir will do three special selections in both services.

Let the Choir Sing

Then on Sunday, May 22, our dynamic choir will do a collection of outstanding anthems from the past year. You won't want to miss it!

a schedule conflict?

Two weeks ago the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne received an award from Governor Bayh honoring its food bank volunteers. The honor was appropriate since many of the volunteers have worked at the food banks for years and some since the banks were founded 14 years ago.

They are doing their part to heed Christ's request for us to feed the hungry;

how about you?

Have a happy Mothers' Day, Wes

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Our sympathy is extended to <u>Lou</u>
<u>Simmons</u> in the death of her brother,
<u>J.W. Glass</u>, who died in Maud, Texas
last week.

Please remember Walter Bowen, who had outpatient tests this week.

Also, Evelyn Yeoman, as she was in a car accident and has a cracked rib.

Edna Nordblom still needs prayers, as she is a patient at St. Joe Hospital as is Mildred Hogg.

Margaret Snouffer is now home from Lutheran Hospital.

Disabilities Forum to be held May 14

A Disabilities Forum will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church, 1232 Crescent Avenue.

Everyone is invited to attend this new series of six programs entitled, "The Church's Response To People with Disabilities" intended for pastors, parish staff, educators, board members and members of congregations — both those disabled and those without disabilities from the Peace and Justice Education Commission of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

The half-day program will include presentations by David Nelson and Julie Garshwiler of the Allen County League for the Blind.

The entire conference will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

Elinor & Kenneth Place to celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Place request the pleasure of your company at a reception to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, the twenty-second of May, 1994 from 2 to 4 p.m. at First Christian Church.

No gifts please.

Happy Mother's Day!!!

A \$5 donation is requested.

For more information, contact the Rev. Robin Thomas at 423-1693 by Monday, May 9.



Thank you so much for the very pretty Easter Lily. They make your room smell so nice in addition to being pretty to look at. I appreciate receiving communion every other Sunday. It means so much to me. Your bulletins prove to me that the church is very busy, and that you made a good choice of ministers. I remember you all in my prayers.

-With love, Fern Kenline

Thank you to all who helped make the Area I CWF Spring Workshop a success:

Teresa Hatten, Gini Brown, Evelyn Yeoman, Pat Mullen, Laura York, Fran Beckwith, Phyllis Lahr, the Rev. Alice Hupp, Jane Walsh, Laura McFarland, Donna McEvoy, Mildred Hartman, the Rev. Jerry & Diane Zehr, the FCC Children's choir, FCC Parenthetical Players and those who attended to show support of the CWF program.

Thirty women participated from the area.

-Kris Ohneck Area I CWF Coordinator

Teachers needed for Religious Education

A joy of spring is the annual seed catalog that "blooms" in the mailbox. It promises that the advertised seeds, with some effort from you, will produce a beautiful garden. As children "bloom," make sure they have even more tender loving care than you would give a flower garden. Our motto for Weekday Religious Education is: "TO TEACH IS TO TOUCH A LIFE FOREVER!"

At the end of the current school year, we will be losing several of our WRE teachers due to various circumstances. Additional teachers are needed in the trailers for the coming year. Classes run from Sept. 19, 1994 through May 12, 1995.

Foremost we ask that our Weekday Religious Education teachers have a love of children in their hearts and a nurturing spirit. A college degree is required. Experience in teaching in both church school and public school is helpful. If you know of someone with these qualifications and who would like a part-time job in which they can share the love of God with young people, please contact the Associated Churches office at 422-3528.

As we each know, the caterpillar is probably not on anyone's list of the world's ten most beautiful creatures. Yet, it is transformed into a list-topping, beautiful butterfly. Each child holds the same potential. To change potential into reality, add long-term encouragement, support, faith, and time. It's a formula that works! Thank you for your interest.

In His Service, Maxine Bandemer Weekday Religious Education Coordinator

Are you a volleyball enthusiast?!?

We need a person who enjoys Volleyball to help organize a summer volleyball game one night a week in our parking lot.

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See YOU Sunday!!!

SERVING MAY 8 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Bill Johnson & Charles Ludwig 10:45 a.m. Erma Vanderwall & Jane Walsh

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Young, J. Lindsay, B. Lindsay, B. Hendricks

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Marlo Quick & Vanderwalls

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TUESDAY, MAY 10

9:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle to work on Rummage Sale 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:35 p.m. Softball Game at Johnny Appleseed

THURSDAY, MAY 12

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8:00 a.m. Golf Outing at Fairview 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale

Happy Birthday-May 14-20

Matthew Busse(14), Deloris Anspach(15), Lila Russell(15), Mary New(15), Jane Wagoner(16), John Myers(16), Sam Hayes(17), Art Thomas(18), Jerry Zehr(19), Thelma Onion(19), Earl Snouffer(19), Shirley Howell(19)

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Special speaker to address church:

"7 habits of a highly effective Christians"

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"Let the Bells Ring"

"Let the Bells Ring" will be this Sunday, May 15. Our Carillon Choir (handbells) will be playing three special numbers. You won't want to miss it.

The sermon will be "Teaching Line Dance to a Dinosaur."

Bring a friend this Sunday!

Youth News...

No youth meeting will be held this week! The Youth Party has been moved to Sunday, May 22. Look for more information next week.

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Rummage Sale

May 14
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
First Christian Church
Come find a treasure!!!

From Here to Zehr-

What is all this talk about Dancing with Dinosaurs? How can Dinosaurs dance? Where are the Dinosaurs?

Two weeks ago, I gave a sermon entitled, "Dancing with Dinosaurs," in which I referred to the extinction of the Dinosaurs.

They were not able to adapt to the climate and landscape of their time quickly enough, so they found themselves extinct.

Societies climate and landscape is changing. If the church does not adapt, it could become extinct much like the Dinosaur.

The fastest growing group in our society is the Secular group. Ninety percent of the people believe in God but only 25 percent are involved in a church. The others do not feel the church is

relevant or can speak to their needs.

How do we minister in a ever changing society? How do we adapt to our culture without "selling out" the gospel?

How do we hold onto our heritage and still relate to the young adults of this generation?

This Sunday, I will continue to explore these issues for our church. I am trying to prepare us for a time with Jeff Wilson on June 4 (refer to article on front page).

I hope you feel the importance of our church having this discussion, and that you will want to be a part of it.

Peace, Jerry

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Please bring a covered dish.

Mark your calendars

Are you Graduating?

If there is someone in your family who is graduating from high school or college, would you please let the church



Friends of First Church:

We want to thank you for your help during the recent loss of Kathy's brother John Michael Selzer. Your calls, gifts, cards and visits at the funeral home were very much appreciated. We have gained strength from knowing that our friends at First Church are there to help us deal with our loss.

Sincerely,

Brad, Kathy & Tom Miller

& Lawrence Selzer

To Creative Arts:

A big thank you for the hugs you shared on Sunday. How sweet of you.

know by Monday, May 16. We would like to recognize all graduates in worship on June 5, 1994.

A.B.I.L. Notes

Our <u>last</u> session for the year will be held on Sunday, May 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. It's been a good year with lots of learning. Let's end it well. See you there.

Places' to celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Place request the pleasure of your company at a reception to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, the twenty-second of May, 1994 from 2 to 4 p.m. at First Christian Church.

No gifts please.

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THURSDAY, MAY 18

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Happy Birthday-May 21-27

Bob Hendricks(21), Lori Vandergriff(21), Amy Jenkins(21), Shawn Spencer(22), Jay Bisenman(23), Jennifer Mounsey(23), Virginia Bruckman(25), Donald Smith(25), Harold Nordblom(26), Kristin Byers(26), Andrew Stow(26)

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the church by 3 p.m.

Also....

We want all the youth to come to the congregational dinner on June 4 at 6 p.m. Make your reservations.

Have you registered for camp yet? Get your registrations in.

Thirty take part in annual golf outing

"The real test in golf and in life is not in keeping out of the rough but in getting out after we are in."

— Bud Ludwig
There were a lot of us
in the rough last
Saturday for our annual
golf outing. It was a
great time for all,
especially for Marilyn
Rieke, Jack Lindsay and
Woody Klepfer who won
the tournament.

John Kratzat had the longest drive while Ron Wise and Marilyn Rieke had the closest to the pin.

Thanks goes to Marge Thomas for her work in organizing the event. It was a great day with 30 Christians having good fellowship in playing golf.

Choir Sunday May 22

This Sunday, May 22 is Choir Sunday!
The choir will sing a selection of anthems from this year's performances.
There will be a wide selection of contemporary to traditional pieces.

The choir will sing in both services on Sunday. Bring a friend to hear this beautiful choir!

From Here to Zehr-

The past couple of weeks I have been exploring the paradigm shift that is happening in our culture as we move into the 21st century. I wanted to list the ten shifts that William Easum suggests in his book, Dancing with Dinosaurs, Ministry in a Hostile and Hurting World. I believe these suggestions he offers to us as a church have social, economic, and political significance.

Shift 1: In the emerging world the marginalization of the laity will end and the role of ordained clergy will disappear. The priesthood of the believer will emerge as a dominate force in congregations. Clergy will equip laity to live out their roles as priests.

Shift 2: The new emerging world will become increasing anti-Christian and will try to rid itself of Christianity. Christian bashing is one of the few remaining discriminations acceptable in the 21st century.

Shift 3: The age of discovery is over - the age of discernment is beginning. In the emerging world whoever controls information, controls power.

Shift 4: The shift towards pragmatism begun by William James in the early part of this century and supported by John Dewey has come to fruition. Truth will be defined by whatever works. Technology will be the new God that defines truth.

Shift 5: Belonging is more important

that joining. The emerging world will bring about the decline of institutions, even if they are well endowed.

Shift 6: Bureaucracies, secular and religious, will have a hard time in the intermediate future that entrepreneurs will do well. In the emerging society leaders will be those willing to risk leaving the safety of the good old boy system. Those who remain tied to a bureaucracy will be Institutions that cling to their bureaucracy will banish. Amoeba-like organizations will fill the 21st century landscape. These organizations will be adaptive and flexible, able to change over night. The organizations will be geared towards learning as much as producing Those who learn the most will produce the most in the emerging world.

Shift 7: The end of the cold war, the rise of pacific rim and the continua movement toward European currency is redefining the traditional role played by nations and super powers in the crack o history. A global economy is redefining nationalism.

Shift 8: Sights and sounds dominate the crack of history. Interactive television will become the way we perceive assimilate, and interpret news and reality. If something cannot be seen and experienced, it will not be heard of accepted (food for thought for our worship experience).

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Memorial Day Parade time/date announced



The Memorial Day Parade and Service, sponsored by the Allen County Council of Veterans, will start at 11 a.m. on Parnell St., north of State St.

There will be a Memorial Service at 12 noon at the War Memorial Coliseum where the route ends.

See you Sunday!!!

insight into this process.

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Mildred Hogg has returned to the Townhouse from St. Joe Hospital.

Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joe Hospital.

Lvnn Medlin had outpatient foot surgery last week.

Our sympathy is extended to <u>Dick</u>
& Erma Vanderwall in the death of
Erma's brother Bill, who lived in Tampa,
Florida.

Cora Ann Harnish has been moved to The Elder Home in Alexandria, Indiana.

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Disciples help start new church in Jamaica

A little more than a year ago, a new congregation was started in Jamaica. The first Sunday two adults and one child attended, meeting without a roof, floor or seats. After a year of work and prayer, supported by your gifts to **Basic Mission Finance**, the new Hellshire United Church is filled on Sunday mornings.

For Disciples pastor Hannah Hurdle-Toomey, a Division of Overseas Ministries missionary, the year is crowded with memories. The enthusiasm of the more than 40 children attending Vacation Bible school last summer. A crowd of more than 200 at her installation service in the fall. The congregation's first baptism and first baby dedications amid the smiles of proud families. And, of course, the tribulations and joys of

organizing the children's first Christmas pageant. Your gifts to the Division of Overseas Ministries through the Pentecost Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance help support Hannah Hurdle-Toomey as she witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in Jamaica.

Support Group to be held

A support group for those suffering from Obsessional Compulsive Disorder meets weekly on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The group meets in the office of the Samaritan Centers of Northeast Indiana, Inc. located at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St.

For more information, call 422-8556.

CWF Spring Banquet to be May 23

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Joining us will be Emerine Jane Holman Hamilton, temperance and women's rights advocate.

In 1828, Emerine Hamilton married the handsome, Irish, red-haired Allen Hamilton, and lived, at first, in the Old Fort. A natural leader of women, she was admired for her opinion and judgment.

Through her efforts, the First Presbyterian Church became the first congregation in town to allow women to vote at its meetings.

She was active in the local Women's Temperance Society, and entertained Susan B. Anthony when she addressed the Allen County Woman's Rights Association in 1874.

Mary Jo Meyer of First Presbyterian Church will present Mrs. Hamilton's story.

All women and men are invited to attend. Please bring a covered dish.

Installation of the 1994-95 CWF officers will follow the program.

Here to Zehr

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Shift 9: By the year 2001, 1 in 4 people in America will be non-white making the emerging society the most diverse ever. The emerging world will no longer be dominated by white, anglosaxon protestants.

Shift 10: The protestant work ethic is being replaced with an emphasis on fulfillment and personal meaning. The emerging world will experience a clash between a need for quality products and a passion for a more relaxed life style. Individuals who choose to work hard, rather than enjoy a more relaxed life style, will do well. Those who choose to play, will not do well.

Together these 10 shifts form the

context for ministry today and open windows of opportunity for future ministries. The key to understanding their meaning for Christian congregations, is in seeing them not as individual shifts that stand alone, but in realizing that they form a set of assumptions that are producing a new paradigm for the emerging world. There will be a challenge to congregations and pastors to look towards new creative ways ministering to the community that they are a part of.

I look forward to our gathering on June 4 with Jeff Wilson as he continues to help us explore how we as a congregation can continue to grow in our ministry as we move into the 21st century. Hope to see you on Sunday!

Peace, Jerry

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2:00 p.m. Kenneth & Elinor Places' 50th
Wedding Anniversary Reception

MONDAY, MAY 23

6:30 p.m. CWF Spring Banquet

TUESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs 7:30 p.m. Committees

8:15 p.m. Softball Game at Johnny Appleseed

Happy Birthday May 28-June 3

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AUGUST FOR ADULTS

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Needed: Childrens' Craft items -- List on Page 3

From Here to Zehr-

"Realities are always defeating ideals, but ideals have a way of taking vengeance upon the facts which momentarily imprison them."

- Reiubold Neiebuhr

Leaves from the

Notebook of a Tamed Cynic

Sometimes our realities cause us to lose hope in our ideals. How do you dream and live for a different reality while living in the real world?

How do you not become too cynical about life that you stop seeing the goodness blossoming in front of you?

The message of the gospel is the

"power to become". I hope as you feel the freshness of spring, you will inhale the spirit of God that will make you smile and be giddy with laughter.

Enjoy the holiday weekend. If you are in town, please come to church. We will give blossom to the goodness of God.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. The music last Sunday by the choir was fantastic! Thanks goes to John Kratzat, Phyllis Lahr and all the members of the choir. It was a great day!

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Time is running out to sign-up!

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Below is more information about the fun Don't Mention Age (D.M.A.) outing.

The D.M.A. will meet at 12 noon at

Craft items needed

The following items are needed for Childrens' Crafts:

2 Liter Pop Bottles, Baby Food Jars, Round Clothespins, Pinecones and Magazines

If you have these items, please bring them to the church office.

Graduation Open House
Honoring
Dan Moll

Sunday, June 5 2 to 5 p.m. 5005 Desoto Dr. 219-482-7519 Bearcreek Farms.

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10:45 a.m. Second Worship **MONDAY. MAY 30**

Memorial Day - Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 31

5:45 p.m. Softball Game at Johnny Apple-

7:00 p.m. Evangelism Study Task Force

Happy Birthday June 4-10

David Rinker(5), Frank Beckwith(5), Ralph Church(6), Spiro Olympidis(6), Don Oden(9), Irene Kissinger(9), Jane Harts(9), Virginia Englehart(9), Bill Howard(10), Collin Miller(10)

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Starting this Sunday, June 5, beginning at 9:30 a.m., I will lead a Summer Sunday School Class for adults entitled, "Habits for Highly Effective Christians".

This will be an open discussion in the Fellowship Hall exploring how we can develop strong, positive habits that help our faith grow.

I also hope you will make your reservation for the congregational dinner on Saturday, June 4 at 6 p.m. with Dr. Jeff Wilson as our guest speaker.

The cost is \$5. Call the church office to make reservations. Child care will provided.

Peace, Jerry

Congregational dinner scheduled this Saturday

This Saturday, June 4, Jeff Wilson, our vice-president of Church Growth for the Christian Church, will be our guest speaker.

He will meet with various groups within the church during the day and end with a congregational dinner at 6 p.m.

The dinner will be catered by Casa D'Angelos and then Jeff will speak to us on the challenges and possibilities of direction for our church.

If we want to be a vibrant and vital congregation in the year 2000, we will need to adapt our ministries to our changing world. Jeff will give us some insight into this process.

Cost for the meal is \$5. Please make reservations by calling the church office at 744-3239 A.S.A.P.

We hope everyone who is interested in the churches' growth and vitality will be there to hear this dynamic speaker. Keep in mind...

The Evangelism & Worship Task Forces will meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. with Dr. Wilson.

Then the **Elders** will meet from 12 to 2 p.m. and the **Board of Trustees** from 4 to 6 p.m.



Childrens' Craft items still needed

The following items are needed for Childrens' Crafts:

2 Liter Pop Bottles Baby Food Jars Round Clothespins
Pinecones and Magazines

If you have these items, please bring them to the church office.

Youth Party particulars announced

Our Youth Party will be Sunday, June 5, after worship. We will go to Jerry and Diane Zehr's home for lunch and swimming. Bring your suits.

There are also tennis courts to use if you do not want to swim. We will then go to Dan Moll's open house and be back at the church by 3 p.m.



I wish to thank the Rev. Jerry Zehr for his many visits while I was a patient at St. Joseph Hospital. Also, thanks to all who sent cards, prayers, and for those who visited me during my illness.

-Edna Nordblom

Graduation Open House
Honoring

Dan Moll

Sunday, June 5 2 to 5 p.m. 5005 Desoto Dr. 219-482-7519 Also....

We want all the youth to come to the congregational dinner on June 4 at 6 p.m. Make your reservations.

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Edna Nordblom has gone home from St. Joseph Hospital.

<u>Dorothy Green</u> is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

<u>Helen Jordan</u> is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Congratulations to <u>Dennis</u>
<u>Stecklev</u> in his new position as Senior
Pastor at Howard Park Christian Church,
Clarksville, IN.

Congratulations to Sharon & Ken Ellis in the birth of Cameron Reed born on May 25. Susan Knuckles is the proud grandmother!

Call the church office at 744-3239 if you have a Joy and/or Concern.

SERVING JUNE 5 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Bob Hendricks & Bill Franklin 10:45 a.m. Jerry Zimmerman & Jane Walsh

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. K. Blocher, M. Hutchinson, S.
Knuckles, A. Knappenberger
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L. Brey, S. Brey, J. McGrew,
J. Mey, B. Glasgow

USHERS

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Team I - Ralph & Judy Church

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8:15 a.m. Julia Arnold 10:45 a.m. Pat Mullen

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

9:00 a.m. CWF Executive Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. Evangelism & Worship Task Force meeting with Dr. Jeff Wilson 12:00 noon Elder's meeting with Dr. Jeff

Wilson

4:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting with Dr. Jeff Wilson

6:00 p.m. Congregational Dinner

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

8:15 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
12:00 noon CYF & Chi Rho Party
MONDAY, JUNE 6

5:00 p.m. Capital Task Force Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 7 12:00 noon DMA to Bearcreek Farms

6:00 p.m. Committee Chairs 7:30 p.m. Softball Game at Johnny Appleseed

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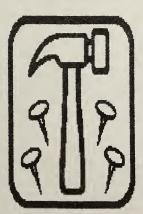
Summer teen job corps begins June 20

The members of the Church and Community Project task force and our staff have been hard at work for several months planning and implementing a new project for our community.

The project has many objectives:

One, to address the needs of the elderly and financially disadvantaged in our community, by giving them access to free lawn care, simple repairs, cleaning and other household chores.

Two, to employ young men and women, needing extra income, who might otherwise have difficulty finding a job.



Three, to provide a setting where these young people may experience the working world by, having a job in terview, attending training sessions, learning about service to others, and

learning to cooperate as a team in finishing these projects.

Four, to provide a vehicle for all youth employees, clients, church staff, and the congregation to experience a sense of mission, and in



experiencing this mission, may come to a better understanding of God's grace and our purpose in God's world.

Five, to introduce youth and older adults in a manner that will enhance communication and respect, and in so doing, form a bridge between generations,

Six, to establish a working model of this project that can be reproduced in other congregations.

Five youth will be employed 16 hours per week starting the week of June 20th.

The first week will focus on skills training such as learning about safety,

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From Here to Zehr-

Last Saturday was a great day in the life of our church.

Jeff Wilson did an excellent job giving us a framework to grow in our ministries. The participation of our leaders was great. For a Saturday in June, I was really impressed by the commitment to be at this event.

Sunday, I shared the four areas of new direction I have been praying about for a new vision for our church. It will be important that this becomes the congregation's vision and not just Jerry's.

I offer these as a starting point for us to begin our dialogue. It will be in our dialogue together that we will find our/God's vision for our church.

The four areas that I presented Sunday included:

First, the development of our church into a "cell" ministry. This is where we will have a number of "cells" (groups of approximately 10 persons) meeting in homes for prayer, study, praise and missions. As cells in our human body multiply, so will these groups.

Each group will have a leader, an assistant leader and a host. Each group will have an open chair signifying the openness of this group to new people. From the very beginning of the group, there will be an emphasis on "birthing" new groups.

The reality is that for the unchurched, coming to church on Sunday morning can

be a threatening experience, but going to someone's home with people they know gives them a chance to get to know others in a non-threatening way.

Second, we need to have a "contemporary worship service" (on Sunday evenings at first) with drums, guitar and a synthesizer. We will have contemporary Christian music, sharing and a time for praise. This service will target the unchurched and will be more informal.

Third, we will need to restructure our committees to stream-line our organizational work, so people will have more time for prayer, study and mission.

Fourth, we will need to refurbish our facilities. We need to give them a "freshening up," so we will be ready for company.

We will begin to plan these programs now and implement them in the fall.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us use it to God's glory!

See you Sunday, Jerry

P.S. I am teaching an eight week Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. entitled, "Habits for Highly Effective Christians."

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First Aid Training & Certification offered at First Christian, June 23

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All Chancel Choir & Bell Choir members and spouses are invited.

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We are proud to announce that <u>Kris</u>
<u>Ohneck</u> is going to serve as the CWF
President-Elect for the state of Indiana.

Congratulations to <u>Jeff Grier & Shari Wilson</u> as they were married at First Christian Church on Saturday, May 28, 1994.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Deloris Anspach** in her death last week.

Welcome to <u>Kathy Marvel</u> as she came forward to become a member of First Christian Church on Sunday, June 5, 1994. Kathy's address: 715 Washington, Apt. 4, Decatur, IN. Phone: 1-219-728-9656. Welcome Kathy!

Dorothy Green has gone home from St. Joseph Hospital.

Congratulations to the following graduates from high school: Matthew Busse, Brian Busse, Adam Hayes, Kelly Walsh, Erin Proegler and Dan Moll. Best wishes to all graduates!!!

Our sympathy is extended to **Jessica & Tameka Anderson** in the recent death of their niece.

<u>Margaret Snouffer</u> is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Call the church office at 744-3239 if you have a Joy and/or Concern.

Money management seminars outlined

The following money management workshops in June are provided by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of Fort Wayne.

Persons interested in the seminars below should register as soon as possible by calling 432-8200 or 1-800-432-0420.

All of the workshops meet at the CCCS Education Center, 4705 Illinois Road, Suite 116, Fort Wayne.

Money Control Workshop

This four-session workshop is a friendly, relaxed discussion which teaches:

- · How to track your spending
- · How to develop a budget
- · How to change spending habits
- How to raise money smart kids
 June 9, 16, 23, & 30

6:30 to 9 p.m.

Cost: \$20 and includes workbook

Making Ends Meet

Does your money seem to do a vanishing act every month? Attend this one-session seminar and learn how to find your spending leaks, how to set up and maintain a budget, and how to build an emergency fund.

June 17 - 10 a.m. to noon June 18 - 10 a.m. to noon Cost: \$10 per person

Retirement Plans?!?

Discover the differences between pension plans, 401 (k) plans, and IRA's. Learn about withdrawal options, tax consequences, and investment choices. This course is taught by Kevin Noll, a trust officer at Fort Wayne National Bank.

June 28 - 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost \$10 per person

Budget Buddies

This encouragement and learning is for those striving to live within a budget and wishing to become debt free.

> June 11 - 10 a.m. Cost: It's FREE

Parlettes say thanks

No special observance of the June birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Parlette is planned this year. We are very grateful for your love and concern expressed since we became ill in February of 1993. We are pleased and touched by this but no more is necessary.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

- The Parlette's

P.S. I enjoy playing the lovely Steinway each Sunday!

Teen job corps to begin

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how to paint and repair, team cooperation and how to relate to our clients.

Pat Mullen will be the director of the project and will be supervising the young people on our work sites. Please watch for our van and trailer around the area and feel free to stop to see us at a work-site.

If you would like to have an active part in the Church and Community project mission, we certainly have opportunities.

We do have some equipment needs, such as: work gloves, buckets, rags, a sponge mop, a squigge, a drink cooler, paper towels, cups, drink mixes, paint scrapers, paint brushes (various sizes),

Associated Churches in need of volunteers to sort/box food items

The Associated Churches is still in urgent need of volunteers to sort and box food items.

Please call the Associated Churches office at 422-3528 if you have a group that can donate some time.

This is an urgent need as we need to keep our supply of food moving out to the food banks. We would appreciate any help you can provide in the way of volunteers and time.

-Vernon R. Graham
Executive Pastor

manual grass clippers, and drop clothes. But most of all, we ask for your prayers that this project may succeed and give birth to bigger things to come.

We are focusing first on checking with our special care folks to see if we can help them in any way. If you know of others in the church or community who could use our services, please let us know.

Members of the advisory board are the following persons: Charlie and Teresa Hatten, Dave Rinker, Eric Rieke, Bill Franklin, Diane Zehr, and Pat Mullen.

If you have questions about any part of this project, please call Pat Mullen at 745-9154 or Charlie Hatten at 447-2649.

Laurie Lynn Bushey
and
Scott Allan Berry
together with their families
invite you to share in the joy
of their marriage
on Saturday, the twenty-fifty of June
Nineteen hundred and ninety-four
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8:15 a.m. Charles Ludwig & Bill Johnson 10:45 a.m. Don Oden & Sue Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M.Arnold, C. Davis, B. Hendricks

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

9 a.m. CWF Executive Board meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 8:15 p.m. Softball Game at Johnny Appleseed

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

4:00 p.m. Choir party at Falbe's

Happy Birthday June 11-17

Bev Hendricks(12), Laura Tomes(13), Mike Stow(14), Valetta Parlette(15), Josephine Weyer(16), Mary King(16), Laura McFarland(16), Brandon Falbe(16), & Andy Cook(17)

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Special upcoming services announced



Father's Day June 19th

This Sunday, June 19, we will celebrate the special place our fathers have in our lives

The Rev. Jerry Zehr will have a special Father's Day message, and Jim Davis will be a guest soloist.

Jazz Service June 26th

On Sunday, June 26, 10:45 a.m. service First Christian will have a Summer Jazz Service.

The entire worship service will incorporate jazz.

Our special guests will be the "Musician's Jazz Quintet". This group of professional musicians recently lent their talents to the Worship experience at Plymouth Congregational Church

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Outdoor Service July 3rd

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We know people will have holiday plans, but we hope you will take one hour to come worship the Lord.

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From Here to Zehr-

No! No! We do not need all of you for this new ministry, but if you are one of those who God is calling...read on.

You have heard me mention the "cell" ministry of our church and the need to begin building this ministry's foundation.

Many of you have been in a prayer or small group experience where you have been able to develop strong relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ.

These groups can be a powerful experience of sharing and praying together.

These groups will meet in homes two, three or four times per month. This will be decided by the group leader.

We need four or five people who would be willing to be cell group leaders.

We also will need people to be hosts, which means letting the group of approximately 10 to meet in your home.

Assistance leaders also are needed.

As you remember, the "cell" will multiply and new groups will be formed.

If you would like more information about these groups, call me. We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, June 26 at 6 p.m. at the church.

See you Sunday.

Peace, Jerry

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Come see the Fort Wayne Wizard's in action!

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Our prayers are with **Pauline Snyder** at home.

Call the church office at 744-3239 if you have a Joy and/or Concern.

Mark your Calendars



Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 26 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will vote on our slate of officers for 1994-95.

New Committee Chairpeople

New Committee Chairpeople — Don't forget that we will begin to develop our action plans for the rest of this year on Tuesday, June 28 at 7 p.m. Committee chairs should make sure their committee is there at 7:30 p.m. to begin the planning.

CWF Executive Board

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P.S. Don't forget to bring your White Elephant gift!

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8:15 a.m. N. Knappenberger, J. Young, B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay

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Duncan's

ACOLYTES

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SATURDAY, JUNE 18

4:00 p.m. Choir party at Falbe's

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

8:15 a.m. Fun in the Son Trip to
Children's Museum in Indianapolis
10:00 a.m. Rachel Circle at the
Mildred's for study and lunch
WED, JUNE 22-SUN, JUNE 26
CWF Quadrennial Assembly-Purdue

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 a.m. First Aid Training

Happy Birthday June 18-24

Fern Kenline(18), Bernice Montgomery(18)
Gene Auer(18), Gary Hall(18)
Don Parlette(19), Joan Penny(20),
Orie McDougle(21), Jim Bond(21),
Shawn Cobb(21), Linda Merrick(22),
Jack Weicker(23), Kurt Schryver(23),
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Special Summer Jazz Service Sunday

Jazz Service
June 26th

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Marty and Bob Bier will be our guest singers this Sunday!

No Sunday School will be held this day!

Bring a Friend this Sunday!

From Here to Zehr-

I found myself glued to the television this past weekend, a little repulsed but more saddened, by what I was seeing.

The drama that played itself out with O.J. Simpson and police left me with many thoughts and feelings.

I felt sad for a man who had so much and yet had a sickness that destroyed his life and the people he loved.

Four million women in the U.S. are abused a year, and 10,000 women are beaten to death. There are more women in the U.S. who are abused than have babies.

O.J. seemed like such a professional — a nice guy. Where did he learn or not learn how to treat women.

The cycle of abuse is covered by a shroud of silence and shame. I hope if you

know of someone who is in an abusive relationship, you will help them get help. The Center for Non-violence is a good place to begin. Their phone number is 456-4112. All calls are confidential.

If anything good can come from this situation, maybe it will be that the shroud will be lifted and people will begin to talk about a problem that we do not like to think about.

My hunch is that many of us have had someone we love, family or friend, who has been physically abused. Maybe we have tuned our eyes away, so we would not have to get involved.

Peace, Jerry

Meet the new kids on the block

The Church and Community Task Force would like to introduce you to the four gentlemen and one lady who will be working for the church this summer.

<u>Tanika Robinson</u> goes to South Side High School where she is on the honor roll. Her foster family is in the landscaping business, so she brings to us many lawn maintenance skills.

Todd Reiter also attended South Side, where he graduated this spring. Todd brings many skills as well, having scraped and painted a house last summer.

Shawn and Jason Cobb are brothers who also attend South Side.

They and their mother, Linda Cobb, are members of First Christian. Both also have experience in lawn maintenance.

Charles Suder is the fifth member of our crew. He is the son of Mickieann Suder and is a member of F.C.C. Charles will be attending his last year of middle school at Geyer this fall. He has maintenance skills and some special people skills, as he is a professional clown.

We all look forward to new experiences, new personal growth, and some fun as well.

Connections to give drama presentation

ⁿ July 10th at 6 p.m. at the church^m Sunday,

connections

July 10 p.m., "Connections". drama from Eureka College, will be our guest performers.

They will present an hour show using humor, music and drama to explore Christian values and social concerns. They try to between scriptures social concerns, between church life and daily life.

A light reception will follow the show.

There is no cost, yet an offering will be taken.

Child care will be provided.

All youth at F.C.C. Attention:

We want to extend a special invitation to the Youth Group to attend an informal meal at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 10,

just prior to the drama group, Connections, presentation. We then will see the show as a group.

make To reservations for the meal please call the church at 744-3239 or Pat Mullen at 745-9154.

Special announcement from Tidings staff

Tidings will be published on an amended schedule in July and August.

Below are the weeks Tidings will be published:

> July 11 July 18 August 1 August 15 August 29

If you need something printed in the newsletter, please have the information into the church office by 3 p.m. on the above dates.

Thank you! Enjoy your summer.

-Tidings staff

Tidings deadline. 3 p.m. on the adjacent dates

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Seating is limited, so please reserve your ticket by mailing or dropping off a check

Newcomers Dinner to be on July 10th

Have you been worshiping at First Christian and wanted to know more about the church and its ministries?

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>July 10 at 4 p.m.</u>, a dinner for those folks who have been attending worship but have not joined the church has been planned.

Everyone will be invited to stay for the drama group, "Connections" show at 6 p.m. (Read the enclosed articles for more information about the group.)

If you are interested in attending this dinner as our guest, please make a reservation by calling the church at 744-3239.

at the church office payable to First Christian no later than June 24.

Come see the Fort Wayne Wizard's in action!

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Our sympathy is extended to <u>Vince</u> Wells in the death of Connie this week.

Our prayers are with Virgil & Ruth Watkins as their grandson, David Watkins, had surgery this week at Lutheran Hospital.

Wilma Miller fell and is recovering at home. Please keep her in your prayers.

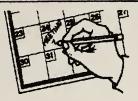
Pauline Snyder is at home.

Brad May, our custodian, is at home recovering from second degree burns.

Call the church office at 744-3239 if you have a Joy and/or Concern.



Mark your calendars



Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 26 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will vote on our slate of officers for 1994-95.

New Committee Chairpeople

New Committee Chairpeople — Don't forget that we will begin to develop our action plans for the rest of this year on Tuesday, June 28 at 7 p.m. Committee chairs should make sure their committee is there at 7:30 p.m. to begin the planning.

CWF Executive Board

The CWF Executive Board will meet on Saturday, July 16 at 8 a.m. at the church to plan for 1994-95.

First Aid Training

If you or someone you know would like to be certified in First Aid Training, we are offering this opportunity from 9 to 11 a.m. on **Thursday**, **June 23** when Becky Million from the Allen County Health Department will be here to teach this class. The cost is \$5 per person. You can register by calling the church office at 744-3239.

Fun in the Son day planned for pre-schoolers June 28th

A trip to the **Discovery Zone** is planned especially for the little guys (preschoolers).

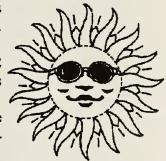
We will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28 at the church.

Our plan is to return by 1 p.m. to the

church where a picnic lunch will be provided.

The fee is \$2 per child. Adults are FREE.

Please call the church at 744-3239 to sign-up!



V.B.S. items needed

Do you have an extra <u>birdhouse</u> that we could use for one of our learning centers during Vacation Bible School?

It would be used as decoration only for our refreshment center called, *The Birds Nest*.

Also, if you have any pieces of indoor/outdoor grass carpeting, we could use indoors in the Fellowship Hall, please call Diane Zehr at 744-3239.

Two Liter bottles will be used to make birdhouses, as one of the crafts. We need two per child, so we'll need quite a few.

Thank you for your support.

SERVING JUNE 26 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. John Ohneck & Bill Crouse 10:45 a.m. Dick Mey & John Kelly

DIACONATE & GREETERS

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Heimann, B. Smith

USHERS

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COMMUNION PREPARATION

McFarland's, E. Vandergriff, J. Smelser

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School

9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

6:00 p.m. Cell Ministry Info Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Trip to Discovery Zone for 1,2,3,4 yr. olds 7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

7:30 p.m. Committees (PROPERTY WILL NOT MEET)

Happy Birthday June 25-July 1

Beth Doehrman(25), Lois Buchanan(27), Dwain Graham(28), Mildred Linn(29), Mildred Hartman(29), Cheryl Connett(30), Marilyn Butler(1), Schellie Englehart(1),

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Outdoor service to be held this Sunday

Outdoor Service

July 3rd

We only will have one service this Sunday, July 3. Since this is on a special holiday celebrating our country's independence, we thought we would have one big service at 9 a.m. outdoors

(weather permitting).

We know people will have holiday plans, but we hope you will take one hour to come worship the Lord.

Marty and Bob Bier will be our guest singers this Sunday!

No Sunday School will be held this day!

Connections to give drama presentation

On Sunday, July 10 at 6 p.m., "Connections", a drama troupe

from Eureka College, will be our guest performers.

They will present an hour show using humor, music and drama to explore Christian values and social concerns. They try to make connections

between scriptures and social concerns, between church life and daily life.

A light reception will follow the show.

There is no cost, yet an offering will

be taken. Child care will be provided.

ATTENTION YOUTH

We want to extend a special invitation to the Youth Group to attend an informal meal at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, just prior to the drama group,

Connections, presentation. We then will see the show as a group.

To make reservations for the meal, please call the church at 744-3239 or Pat Mullen at 745-9154.

From Here to Zehr-

This weekend we will celebrate our country's Independence.

For some it will be just another holiday with an extra day off from work, but for others, it will remind them of the great virtue of our country — Freedom.

Freedom is one of the tenants our country was based on — freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom for kids to shoot other kids.

How do we balance individual freedoms with the responsibility to the larger community?

Some people think we should have stronger laws controlling what we put on T.V. Some feel we need gun control while others feel we have too many laws controlling the individual.

The issue of "rights" and freedom is complex.

Where do you keep the rights of the individual in balance with the rights of others? We need to continue to discuss and explore this value of our country.

Do we have freedom as Christians with God?

Is our faith only on an individual basis or is there a relationship to the larger community as well?

I will explore all of these ideas Sunday in my sermon, "Freedom to choose."

Peace, Jerry

P.S. The Jazz Service was great. If you missed it, you can get an audio tape of the service from the office simply by calling Diane Johnson, our secretary.

Special announcement from Tidings staff

Tidings will be published on an amended schedule in July and August.

Below are the weeks *Tidings* will be published:

July 11
July 18
August 1
August 15
August 29

If you need something printed in the newsletter, please have the information into the church office by 3 p.m. on the above dates.

Thank you! Enjoy your summer.

-Tidings staff

Tidings deadline:
3 p.m. on the adjacent dates

Newcomers Dinner to be July 10th

Have you been worshiping at First Christian and wanted to know more about the church and its ministries?

On Sunday, July 10 at 4 p.m., a

Rev. Diane Zehr to celebrate

On Sunday, July 17, Dr. Edward Weisheimer, our Regional Minister, will be with us in our worship services. He will help us celebrate with the Rev. Diane Zehr her 10 years of ordained ministry.

If you are unable to be here that Sunday but wish to send a card, the cards will be presented to the Rev. Diane Zehr during worship. A reception will follow both services in the Parlor of the church.

Appreciation given

It is my good pleasure to write you again and express our gratitude for your generous support of the improvements to the dining hall at Barbee Christian Camp. Ken Taylor, one of your members, has given outstanding leadership to this project and the Region. We deeply appreciate the special offerings that were received and forwarded for this project and, further, for the matching funds that have been given. As you know, we plan to begin construction this fall and Ken is continuing to give oversight to these efforts.

— C. Edward Weisheimer Regional Minister dinner for those folks who have been attending worship, but have not joined the church, has been planned.

Everyone will be invited to stay for the drama group, "Connections" show at 6 p.m. (Read the enclosed articles for more information about this group.)

If you are interested in attending this dinner as our guest, please make a reservation by calling the church at 744-3239.

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Concert

Congratulations to Laurie Bushey & Scott Berry who were married at First Christian last Saturday!

Our sympathy is extended to <u>Leo & Donna Heimann</u> in the death of Leo's grandmother last week.

Our sympathy is extended to **Rychie Smell** as **Fred Smell**'s funeral was held at First Christian last week. Our thoughts and prayers go to Rychie and **Arlene**, his daughter, and family and friends.

Please remember <u>David Watkins</u>, who is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, and <u>Wilma Miller</u>, who is recovering at home with a broken rib.

Results of Congregational Election - June 26, 1994

OFFICERS — 1996

TREASURER - Merle Grimm SECRETARY - Kathy Graham

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - 1995

FINANCE - Bill Johnson

BOARD OF ELDERS - Ralph Church

WORSHIP - Teresa Hatten

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - 1996

EVANGELISM - Shannon Lutz

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Glenn

Miller

LAY LEADERSHIP - Jerry

Zimmerman

OUTREACH & SERVICE - Charlie

Hatten

BOARD OF DIACONATE - Sandy

Zimmerman

PERSONNEL - Eric Rieke

REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1996

Eileen Klepfer, Elder

Dick Mey, Elder

Bev Hendricks, Deacon

Mike McFarland, Deacon

Carole Davis, Congregation at Large

Mildred Hartman, Temporary CWF

President

BOARD OF ELDER

Delores Keebortz

1996

Lauren Ewing

Chuck Ewing

Charlie Hatten

Sam Hayes

John Kelly

Eileen Klepfer

Dave Kreischer

Sue Oden

John Ohneck

Erma Vanderwall

BOARD OF DIACONATE - 1996

Julia Arnold

Mark Arnold

Gini Brown

Karen Bushey

Carole Davis

Nick Knappenberger

Bobbie Lindsay

Jack Lindsay

Donna Heimann

Sue Knuckles

Mike McFarland

Judy Mey

Jennifer Mounsey

Mike Mullen

Eleanor Place

Dave Rinker

Deb Rinker

Evelyn Yeoman

Jeff Young

Sandy Zimmerman

Mark your calendars



Church Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 3

9 a.m. One Worship Service

TUESDAY, JULY 5

9:30 a.m. Children's Zoo Trip 4:30 p.m. D.M.A. to Hall's Coliseum Cafe and then to Wizard's Game. 8:15 p.m. Softball game at Franke Park

SUNDAY, JULY 10

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship 4 p.m. Newcomers' Dinner

6 p.m. "Connections" Drama Group here 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

8:15 p.m. Softball game at Franke Park

Happy Birthday

July 2 - 15

Steve Kreischer (2), Shirley Dibble (3), Miles Zimmerman (4), Paul Waugh (5), Michael Piatt (5), John Clevenger (7), Lola Miller (8), George Ludwig (8), David Kreischer (9), David Griggs (9), Janet Myers (9), Alice Nulf (10), Marge Thomas (11), Judy Markley (12), and Darvin Tomes (14).

Fun in the Son day planned for up to 5th graders July 5

All children through 5th grade are invited to go the Fort Wayne Childrens' Zoo on Tuesday, July 5.

Children five and under need to be accompanied by an adult. We will go by

bus if enough signup (40), or if fewer sign-up, we'll carpool to get there and back.

The cost per person is \$10, which includes the transportation, a lunch and the admission fee.



Please call the church office at 744-3239 to register before Saturday, July 2.

We'll leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m.

Items needed for V.B.S.

We need to barrow the following items for the forest during V.B.S.:

Birdhouses

Large Silk or Real Green Plants and Trees
Stuffed Forest Animals

Bird Nests

Pieces of Grass Carpeting
Green Silk plants or flowers
Artificial Christmas Trees
& 2 Liter Bottles for Crafts

SERVING JULY 3 - ONE SERVICE 9:00 A.M.

ELDERS

9:00 a.m. Bill Franklin & John Kelly DIACONATE & GREETERS

9:00 a.m. M. McFarland, Dv. Rinker, J. McGrew, Db. Rinker

USHERS

9:00 a.m. J. Ott, B. Glasgow, D.J. Rinker, K. Place

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Keebortz - Db. Rinekr

S. Hayes - N. Knappenberger

B. Johnson - J. Mounsey

C. Hatten - M. Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

G. Brown, J. & K. Bushey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Beckwith's

ACOLYTES

Tameka Anderson & Melissa Brey

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Kathy Miller

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I -

Team II - Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

9:00 a.m. Deb Rinker

SERVING JULY 10 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Ralph Church & Kathy Graham 10:45 a.m. Don Oden & Sue Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. N. Knappenberger, G. Brown, C. Davis, J. Young

10:45 a.m. F. Beckwith, J. Davis, B. Falbe,

J. Mounsey, J. Bushey, K. Bushey,

S. Zimmerman, E. Vandergriff

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott,

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew

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Mory's

ACOLYTES

Jamie Bushey & Jennifer Medlin

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Julia Arnold

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Dave & Deb Rinker

Team II - Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

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Reception to follow services:

D. Zehr: Celebrating ten years of ministry

On Sunday, July 17, Dr. Edward Weisheimer, our Regional Minister, will be with us in our worship services. He will help us celebrate with the Rev.

Diane Zehr her 10 years of ordained ministry.

If you are unable to be here Sunday but wish to send a card, the cards will be presented to the Rev. Diane Zehr during worship.

A reception will follow both services in the Parlor of the church.

Sign-up begins for upcoming V.B.S.

Have you signed up for the trip to the "Marvelous Mystical Sonrise Forest?

If you have not registered for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held July 25-28 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m., you better do so soon.

The Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a mystical forest with many lessons to learn.

There will be adult classes, a special youth class - 6th to 12th grade and groups for all the younger ages.

D.M.A. to tour local television station

The next D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 2.

We will meet at the American Legion Post 82 (formerly the Club Olympia) at 11:45 a.m. for lunch, and then we will tour W.F.W.A., Channel 39.

Please call in your reservations to the church office at 744-3239. Let Diane Johnson know if you can drive or need a ride.

There is no cost for the tour, but lunch will be between \$4 and \$6.

From Here to Zehr-

Do you measure up?

A British author and psychologist, Dr. R. F. Hortz, has conducted an interesting research with almost 100,000 children ranging in age from 8 to 14 from all walks of life and from 24 different countries.

He asked these children to make a list of ten rules for parents' behavior. The result is interesting. It might be well to ask yourself—How do I measure up? Here is the list of what the majority voted for:

- 1 Do not quarrel in front of your child.
- 2 Treat all children with equal affection.
- 4 Never lie to a child.
- 5 There must be mutual tolerance between parents.
- 6 There should be comradeship between parent and children.
- 6 Treat your children's friends as welcome visitors in the house.
- 7 Always answer children's questions.
- 8 Don't blame or punish your child in the presence of children from next door.
- 9 Concentrate on your child's good points. Do not over-emphasize his failings.
- 10 Be constant in your affection and your moods.

Much is being written and said about juvenile delinquents, but is it not possible

that much of this delinquency stems from shortcomings in parents?

Children need encouragement and guidance. Be qualified. Show your interest in your child and other children. Be a companion, not a critic or slave master.

Answer your child's questions or at least try. If you don't know the answer say, "Let's look it up in a reference book."

Encourage the child to investigate and seek answers for himself.

Peace, Jerry

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Please remember Reba Fussleman,
Ruby Mowery and Marvel Brickley,
who are all recovering from recent
cataract surgery.

Please start praying for all the children and adults who will be at V.B.S. this year. Specifically, please pray that each may encounter the living Christ in a special way.

Register for the Adult Classes of V.B.S. July 25-28 - 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

There is a place for every adult under the storytelling tree in the Marvelous Mystical Sonrise Forest, during our vacation Bible School.

There are two classes from which you can choose. Our teachers are the Rev. Sylvia Mill, one of our associate regional ministers in Indiana, and our own Bill Franklin.

Both Classes will study four parables:

- 1. The Prodigal Son
- 2. The Good Samaritan
- 3. The Parable of the Talents
- 4. The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Following is a summary of the classes:

"Seeing the Forest AND the Trees"

Taught by Sylvia Mill

Participants in this class will use the parables as a starting off place to share the stories of their own journeys and explore how the truth of the parable touches their own experience. This would be a great chance to get better acquainted with other folks.

"The Parables in Depth" Taught by Bill Franklin

Bill will be prepared to share his learnings from his own study of the parables. The format will include lecture and discussion of the text.

Yes, I want to enroll in the following class.
"Seeing the Forest AND the Trees" with Sylvia Mill
"The Parables in Depth" with Bill Franklin
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The Year of Missions outlined

The year of missions has started and the outreach and service committee is excited about the year ahead.

We hope that you will keep us in your prayers and be a part of the activities we have planned for the year ahead.

Our theme for the year comes from Luke 10:29. "And who is my neighbor". Fogether we will explore who Jesus calls us to consider our neighbor and how he expects us to treat each other.

Just to get us started on the right foot, we have planned some activities during the Sunday School hour in August.

They are as follows:

August 7 at 9:30 a.m.

You will have the opportunity to earn about the local missions here at First Christian from those who are doing the service

You'll learn about the Baby's Closet, Food Bank, Matthew 25, One Church-One Offender, Jail Bible study, and our summer work program.

This will be a great opportunity to near from those on the front lines serving hose Christ calls us to serve.

August 14, 1994 9:30 a.m.

Together we will explore the possible ways we as a church can influence our government. We will have as our guest representative Jill Long.

She will try to help us explore what our responsibilities are as a church and

how we can help our government be responsive to the call of Jesus Christ to serve all his children.

August 21, 1994 9:30 a.m.

We continue our quest to answer the question "Who is our Neighbor?".

To help us learn more about where we fit into the rest of the world we are honored to have as our guest Joann Gentry Redding.

Joann has returned from the Center for Human Growth and Development in Pune, India.

More details will be given in the next few weeks.

August 28, 1994 9:30 a.m.

Not yet scheduled.

We need your support and prayers to make this year special.

Tidings reminder given

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8:15 a.m. B. Hendricks, C. Davis, M. Arnold, & J. Arnold

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Jean Sheets

EVANGELISM CALLERS

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Team II - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Julia Arnold 10:45 a.m. Charlie Hatten

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship 12 noon Reception for Diane Zehr

TUESDAY, JULY 19

7 p.m. Softball Game at Franke Park

Happy Birthday July 16-22

Erma Vanderwall (17), Thelma Swift (17), Barbara Clevenger (17), Sue Oden (18), George Davis (18), Sherry Lytle (20), Brooke Spencer (20), D.J. Rinker (22), Jackson Phomsoupha (22), & Johnny Phomsoupha (22).

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From Here to "Other" Zehr-

I wish there was a way to thank each one of you as exceptionally well as your kindness and affirmation was given to me on Sunday in celebrating the 10th anniversary of my ordination.

Each card, each gift, each flower, each thought, song, book, hug, and stole you offered will always be like a lovely summer garden somewhere in a part of my heart (I know that sounds corny, but it is true).

Ministry is both pressure and

privilege, but on Sunday, it was pure privilege to be here with you.

It is hard to know how to thank Jerry Zehr. Should I thank him as my colleague, my partner or my friend? However those "roles" shake out, I am grateful, Jerry, that you and I share life together. God does bless abundantly what love creates.

Thanks to each of you for creating that expression of love.

See you in the Sonrise Forest, Diane Zehr



I would like to thank all the wonderful people of F.C.C. for the lovely flowers you sent to commemorate my 10th anniversary of ordination. It has been a delight to be your moderator and member of Area 1 and to get to know you better!

May God bless you all!

In Christ, Rev. Alice

I would like to take this time to express my sincere thanks to those who sent cards or called to inquire about my recovery. I am making progress with God's help and your prayers.

Again, thank you and may God bless you.

-Wilma Miller

Dear F.C.C. Friends,

Thank you for the new Bible. My old one (from second grade) was getting worn out from lots of use. I hope this new Bible will last me many years and aid in my service to God. If not, it will be kept always as a memento of all the wonderful people of F.C.C. Thank you for the many years of learning, service and fun I've had at F.C.C.

-Dan Moll

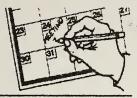
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August 1, 15 & 29

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Church Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY - THURSDAY

JULY 25 - 28

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JULY 26

9:30 p.m. Softball Game at Franke

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

11:45 D.M.A. at the American Legion Post 82, then tour W.F.W.A. Channel 39

8:15 p.m. Softball Game at Franke

Happy Birthday July 23 - August 5

Mary Wilhelm (23), Dustin McEvoy (23), Forrest Smith (24), Alisha Stover (24), Kristie Howard (25), Woody Klepfer (26), Glenn Miller (27), Sue Brey (27), Kevin Bozarth (28), Laura Bowser (31), Glenn Miller (1), Wanda Howell (1), Margaret Snouffer (1), Mary Lou Hartzler (1), Dick Mory (1), Lori Lewis (1), Kelly Walsh (1), Christopher Olson (3), Gloria Phillips (4), & Karen Lands (4).

Congregation thanked

Dear Mr. Bushey & Congregation:

I am writing on behalf of our Commission on Camps and Conferences to thank you for your generosity in allowing both of your pastors, the Rev. Jerry and Diane Zehr, to co-direct our New Beginnings Camp at Barbee Christian Camp, June 30 - July 2.

It is generous enough to allow one pastor to be involved in summer ministry that way, but to allow two is a special mark of intentional generosity and support of camps and conferences. For this we are most grateful. Jerry and Diane are an excellent team, and we hope and pray that they might be able to share leadership in this way again.

You and your congregation are to be commended for your generous spirited support of our summer ministries, and I trust that many campers and counselors from your own congregation will be involved at camp before the counselors from your own congregation will be involved at camp before the season ends. As you know, such a camp or conference experience means so much in the lives of growing Christians, be they children, youth, or adults.

May you and your congregation continue to experience the presence of Christ in many ways.

Art Vermillion,

Associate Regional Minister

SERVING JULY 24 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hartman & Bob Hendricks 10:45 a.m. Dick Mey & John Ohneck

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8:15 a.m. B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay, A. Knappenberger, S. Knuckles

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Special August Sunday School Program for Adults

The Year of Missions has started and the Outreach and Service Committee is excited about the year ahead.

Our theme for the year comes from Luke 10:29 — "And who is my neighbor".

Together we will explore who Jesus calls us to consider our neighbor and how he expects us to treat each other.

Just to get us started on the right foot, we have planned some activities during the Sunday School hour in August.

They are as follows:

August 7 — 9:30 a.m.

You will have the opportunity to learn about the local missions



here at First Christian from those who are doing the service.

You'll learn about the Baby's Closet, Food Bank, Matthew 25, One Church -One Offender, Jail Bible Study, and our summer work program. This will be a great opportunity to hear from those on the front lines serving those Christ calls us to serve.

August 14 - 9:30 a.m.

Together we will explore the possible ways we as a church can influence our government. We will have as our guest, Representative <u>Jill Long</u>. She will try to help us explore what our responsibilities are as a church and how we can help our government be responsive to the call of Jesus Christ to serve all His children.

August 21 - 9:30 a.m.

We continue our quest to answer the question, "Who is Our Neighbor?" To help us learn more about where we fit into the rest of the world, we are honored to have as our guest, <u>Joann Gentry Redding</u>. Joann has returned from the Center for Human Growth and Development in Pune, India.

August 28 - 9:30 a.m.

Not yet scheduled.

We need your support and prayers to make this year special.

From Here to Zehr

WOW!!! 110 children at V.B.S. last week. What a great ministry!

Over half of the children were from the neighborhood and half of those did not have any church affiliation.

What a great opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ!

In order for significant outreach ministries such as V.B.S. to continue, we need to catch up with our proposed budget. At the end of 7 months, we were over \$6,000 behind in our giving.

We have not been able to pay our outreach for May and June because of insufficient funds.

It is amazing how our getting behind by \$50 in our giving adds up. If 100 families are behind \$50 to \$75, it totals between \$5,000 and \$7,500.

Sometimes we think the church doesn't need my \$25 or \$50. Simply not true. There are a lot of other people who will give. Well, you're right, we do have a lot of generous people, but we need everyone's gifts!

We have a lot of exciting ministries happening. If you can financially help out, we would really appreciate your support.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Following is a poem I thought many of the workers of V.B.S. could have written.

Following God to V.B.S....

My dishes went unwashed last week, I didn't make the bed; I took God's hand and followed him To VBS instead.

Oh, yes, we went adventuring The children and I; Exploring the whole Bible For truths we can't deny.

My house was sure neglected, I didn't sweep the stairs; In twenty years no one on earth Will know, or even care.

But that I've helped a boy or girl To noble adulthood grow, In twenty years the whole wide world May look, and see and know.

—Author unknown (Used by Permission)

Tidings reminder given

Tidings will be published on an amended schedule in August.

August 15 & 29

If you need something printed in the newsletter, please have the information into the church office by 3 p.m. on the above dates.

Snippets of Life in the Marvelous Mystical Sonrise Forest

- —Shannon Lutz recovers from the shock of 35-3 & 4 year olds.
 4 other adults volunteer on the spot to be helpers.
 See drawings with sidewalk chalk on the driveway.
- —We hope that children eating bird seed will be beneficial to their health because the day they made birdfeeders they ate the seed as well as put it in the feeder.
- -Wes (4 year old) would <u>not</u> sit down <u>until</u> he petted Rock E. Raccoon, our favorite forest friend in the story telling tree.
- -The youth class offered to do an opening skit on creation and make thank you's for the adult leaders.
- --Bubbles blowing is big item for nursery.
- --Tuesday's refreshment was "dirt & worms" (chocolate pudding with gummy pieces and ground up oreos).
- --A Good Samaritan relay with pairs of kids running to a spot, putting a bandaid on another and running back.

Offering for the week was \$152.41 which will go to the Baby's Closet.

Attendance:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
112 kids	111 kids	110 kids	114 kids
53 adults	44 adults	45 adults	43 adults
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P.S. Folk of the w written. It takes many folks working in many capacities to make a week of Vacation Bible School a memorable and meaningful experience.

The hours we spend preparing and then the nights themselves shape us even as they shape our children.

This year, nearly 50 people had a part in making the forest happen. I know the congregation joins me in extending our greatest appreciation for your flexibility, faith, and effort as well as your effectiveness.

Diane Zehr

Story Center: Marlo Quick, Crafts: Lynn Medlin, Lori Vandergriff Refreshments: Marty Bier, Judy David; Games: Laura and Mike McFarland; Youth: Jennifer Mounsey, Pre-school: Shannon Lutz, Leo Heimann, Charlie Hatten, Janeann Richardson, Jean Sheets; Nursery: Ruth Detter, Carole Davis, Brenda Proegler; Set Design: Sue Oden, Jane Walsh, Marty Bier, Bob Bier, Dick Mey, Chuck McGrew; Video & Slides: Ralph Church, Kathy Blocher; Music: Becca Widmer, Teresa Hatten; Travel Guides: Diane and John Bohlen, Kem Benny, Alison Knappenberger, Mickieann Suder, Teresa Sidoti, Janet & John Kratzat, Laura Bowser; Rock E. Raccoon: Jerr Zehr, All Around Help: Brad May, Diane Johnson, Adult Class: Sylvia Mill; Director: Diane Zehr; Neighborhood Publicity: Pat Mullen and Church & Community crew; Drama Folks: Sue Oden, Jennifer Mounsey, Diane Mory, Chuck & Jean McGrew, Candace Hoffacker, and to all of you who donated pine cones, clothes pins, Christmas trees, bird houses, etc.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Jack Phillips is home from Lutheran Hospital.

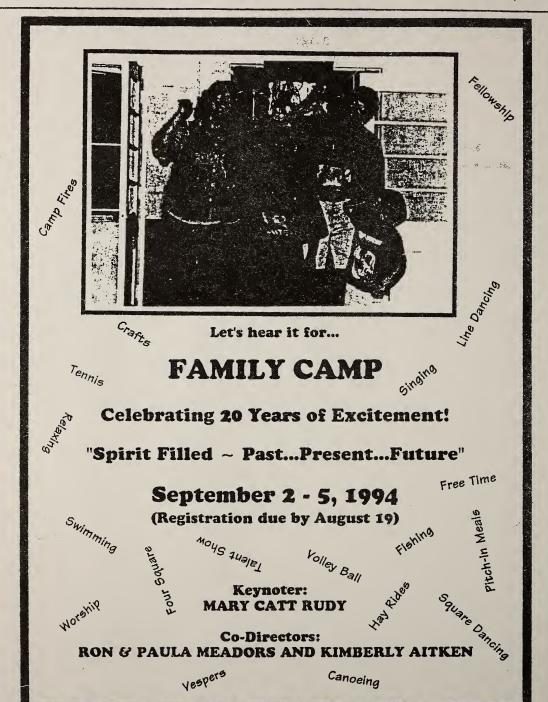
Please keep Marge Thomas in your prayers during her recent health problems.

Lola Miller will have eye surgery on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 1994.

Congratulations to Sarah Smith as Mayor Paul Helmke proclaimed last Saturday as "Sarah Shroyer Smith Day" in honor of Sarah Smith, who recently retired after 58 years on the Board of Directors of Fort Wayne Youth Theatre.

Congratuations to Dick & Erma Vanderwall in the recent birth of a new grandson, Joseph William.

If you have a Joy and/or Concern. please call the First Christian office at 744-3239.



Mark your calendars



Church Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

9:30 p.m. Softball Game at Franke

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

6:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting



L a u r a
K r o u s e (8),
Elizabeth Moody
(8), Ronald Elliott
(8), Orda Glentzer
(9), Linda Wiley
(9), Beverly
Johnston (10),

Charline Craig (10), John Ohneck (11), Marilyn Snouffer (11), Teresa Crain (11), Marge Mitchell (13), Rebecca Bowman (15), Wilma Miller (18), Bob Bier (18), Lois Finkhousen (18), Charles Linn (19), & Kirk Spencer (19).

Bring a friend Sunday



Thanks goes to <u>Charlie Hatten</u> for laying the groundwork for our renovation at the time of the Rummage Sale and for bringing us salad one noon!

Thanks goes also to <u>Pat Mullen</u> and her friendly team for the hours they put in cutting weeds, uncovering roses, washing windows, painting our pillars and arch, patching step carpet, trimming shrubs, scraping paint and replacing it — countless tasks. We are grateful to all of you, and we cannot thank you enough!

We also were touched by the lovely card that Pat and her crew gave us for our 46th wedding anniversary on July 6. Thanks so much.

-Don and Valetta Parlette

Join in the digging!!!

The season isn't over!!!

As a truly addicted dirt-digger, plant-pampering, compost-creating member of F.C.C., I maintain that the best of the summer season is still ahead!

In that vein, some of us having similar gardening obsessions plan to join and begin to develop the beds at the front of the church. We'll meet to talk strategy on Monday, Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor and schedule our digging from there.

Though we take our gardening seriously, this is guaranteed to be a great time for some conversation and fellowship!

SERVING AUGUST 7 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Bill Johnson & Kathy Graham
10:45 a.m. Dave Kreischer & Charles Hatten

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. S. Knuckles, C. Davis, B.
Hendricks, A. Knappenberger

10:45 a.m. B. Falbe, E. Yeoman, J. McGrew, A. Moll, J. Mounsey, W. Klepfer, Db. Rinker, J. Smelser

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ACOLYTES

Melissa Brey & Noah Duncan
EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I -

Team II - Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Kathy Blocher 10:45 a.m. Lisa Bond

SERVING AUGUST 14 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Bob Hendricks & Charles Ludwig 10:45 a.m. Sue Oden & Don Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M. Arnold, B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay

10:45 a.m. B. Glasgow, J. Davis, L. Brey, K. Place, E. Place, E. Vandergriff, Db. Rinker, S. Zimmerman

USHERS

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J. Ohneck - B. Hendricks
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Summer reflections from summer crew

This summer was certainly a time of exploration, growth and learning for six young people and for me as their supervisor.

We had the pleasure of working at many homes this summer with a variety of tasks. We painted and scraped, mowed and trimmed, washed and weeded, and lastly our favorite — ate snacks.

We worked at 10 different homes throughout the city. Seven homes were folks from our congregation with special needs and the others were outside our church community.

We also delivered flyers for Vacation Bible School and cleaned up that Marvelous Forest. We have many stories to share but not enough space to tell them.

As a group, we wish to thank First Christian Church for sponsoring our work, for encouraging our progress, and for praying for our success.

There were many positive aspects to this summer but the biggest plus was that we were able to provide jobs for six young people for eight weeks.

During that time together, they learned responsibility for themselves as well as being a responsible group member

— skills which can only aid them in their progress toward adulthood.

We learned to laugh with each other and to laugh at ourselves as well. Additionally, we learned that each individual brings different talents and skills to any given situation and that even while working as a team, it is important to respect each individual.

Thank you all for a great and profitable summer.

-Pat Mullen



From Here to Zehr-

Have you ever given \$10 or \$15 in memory of someone to the Memorial Fund or have you put the church in your will?

Many generous people have done one or both of these things for First Christian Church. This summer's teen program was a result of these gifts.

Over \$5,000 from the outreach segment of the Memorial Fund was used to support a supervisor and six teenagers for our church and community project.

These teens learned the value of hard work, building relationships with senior citizens, and working as a team. It was exciting to see such positive experiences

for the senior citizens who our group helped to refurbish their homes and the new awareness these teens had for older people.

This was a great program that our Church and Community Task Force developed. It was because of the generous gifts to our church that we were able to touch these young peoples lives.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Is the church a part of your will! What a great way of continuing the Faith.

Welcome to our new sexton Darren Williams

If you see a new face around the church, it is our new sexton Darren Williams.

Our former sexton Bray Mey left to go back to school. We appreciate all he did for us in this past year.

Darren is a graduate from Huntington North High School. Afterwhich, he spent four years in the Army. He comes with a good background for this type of work and will be a strong addition to our staff.

C.W.F. Executive Meeting Saturday, Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. at the church Please make Darren fell welcomed and a part of our community.

To All Members of the Board of Trustees:

Please remember, we will have our organizational meeting Sunday, August 28 at 5 p.m. at the Zehr's Clubhouse in Covington Creek Condominiums on Covington Road across from Greenlawn Cemetery.

We hope all members of the 1994-95 board will be able to be present for this gathering. We are asking everyone to bring a salad or dessert. The meat and drink will be provided.

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Register your child and yourself:

Journey through the Bible starts Sept. 11

On Sunday, Sept. 11, the "Journey" begins.

Our children from pre-school age through high school ages will participate in a three year experience of God's Word, as we learn the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

There are 39 Sundays from Sept. 11 through June, and we hope you will see that your child is here each Sunday for an hour to have the chance for their faith to flourish as they learn the stories and truths that God gives us in the Scriptures.

Our Childrens' Ministry Team is working weekly to prepare for a quality and creative hour of faith development for children.

Watch for the enrollment form in the next newsletter.

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<u>Lillian Busse</u> is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

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Link up with the F.C.C. Prayer Chain



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Magazine exchange program started at FCC

A magazine exchange has been added to the library service through the courtesy of Jim and Neva Mennewisch.

A box of current issues of good quality magazines will be made available in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday.

Feel free to take a copy or to

contribute other up-to-date magazines with reader appeal.

Be a reader, be a giver!!

Tidings reminder given

Tidings will be published one more time in August.

August 29

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Sunday School preview:

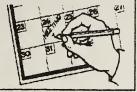
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Joann has returned from the Center for Human Growth and Development in Pune, India

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Church Calendar

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

9 a.m. CWF Executive Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

9 p.m. Childrens' Ministry Team

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

5 p.m Board of Trustees

at Zehr's Clubhouse



Nancy Butcher (20), Joshua Lytle (20), Marie Redman (24), Irvin Koehlinger (25), Julie Briggs (26), Mary Cook (28), Jerry Medlin (28), Lindsay Miller

(28), Clarence Hendrickson (29), Gene Shirley (31), Barb Hayes (31), Dan Moll (1), Mildred Sarrazin (1), Mildred Jewell (1), Jason Cobb (1), Grace Truby (2), Raymond Sarrazin (2), and Evelyn Yeoman (2).



Everyone at F.C.C.:

Greetings from Indianapolis. Yes, we made it!! Thanks to so many of you who helped clean, pack, paint, weed, and then load the U-Haul. Especially thanks for all the prayers. We miss you all and want you to know what a positive impact you had on us. We will carry FCC in our hearts always, so there are never any good-byes—just "Till we see each other again may God keep you all in His care."

-The Beckwiths

Pat & that wonderful group of teen angels:

Thanks to your hardwork, we made it!! We're in Indy and almost un-packed. **Not one** item got broke. You all did a fantastic job. Whoever packed my knifes did an outstanding job! Each one wrapped separately — that's dedication!

Please take the enclosed and use at least part of it to treat the group to pizza or subs. I don't think the packing would have gotten done, and I know the yard work and the painting (expert job) would not have been done. Thanks to all of you! I will pray God's special blessing for each of you. I hope you all continue to grow in your special strengths and find great success. Be proud of yourself - you deserve it.

-The Beckwiths 5030 Quail Ridge Lane Indianapolis, IN 46254 317-387-9534

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hartman 10:45 a.m. Larry Brey

SERVING AUGUST 28 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Delores Keebortz & Bill Crouse 10:45 a.m. Dick Mey & Eileen Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. B. Hendricks, C. Davis, S. Knuckles

10:45 a.m. Dv. Rinker, K. Bushey, J. Bushey, J. Smelser, B. Falbe, M. Mullen, J. McGrew, J. Mounsey USHERS

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Special Labor Day Sunday Worship

Since this Sunday is our last holiday for the Fall, the Revs. Jerry & Diane will join together in readings and music for the sermon.

Jerry will sing a number of selections some familiar and a couple newer songs.

The services will be a little more informal with

some congregational singing at the beginning to bring us into worship.

If you are in town this weekend, come worship in this special service.

The Fall Growing Season is Here

This is a GREAT time to begin learning and growing in your faith as we study the Word of God and how God persistently loves us.

Children, Youth, and one of our Adult Classes will begin a series called, "Journey Through the Bible", which will teach us the stories from Genesis on through Kings this year. Then over the next two years, we will cover the entire 66 books of the Bible.

Other classes for adults are offered as well. A listing of topics and groups are found in the brochure included in this week's Tidings.

We all spend many hours during the week learning many other things.

I hope that you will include one hour a week in Sunday School to develop your life of faith. It could not be a more important hour to include in your week.

-Diane Zehr

Minister of Faith Development

P.S. If you loved V.B.S., you'll be delighted to know we now have a Childrens' Ministry Team meeting weekly to make our Sunday mornings for children an interesting, creative and quality hour of learning.

Sunday School begins Sept. 11 - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

From Here to Zehr-

The Board of Trustees approved at our August meeting the hiring of a new music director, sexton and student associate.

We are sorry <u>John Kratzat</u> is leaving us as our music director, as he gave us all such good music, but we understand the opportunity at his new church was something he could not refuse.

We are very fortunate to have someone of the caliber of **Kevin Hege** as our new music director. Kevin has toured the U.S. and Europe with Youth for Christ as a singer/performer.

He has a degree in choral music from IPFW. Kevin also teaches guitar at Taylor University and gives private voice and guitar lessons in his home. He has directed numerous choirs and comes with a variety of gifts. We are looking forward to Kevin joining our staff on Sept. 18.

Also, our own <u>Pat Mullen</u> has been accepted at Christian Theological

Seminary and will be starting classes this week.

Pat will become our student associate. She will give direction to our youth and young adult ministries, and she will participate in worship and help in other areas as her time permits.

It has been exciting to see the step of faith Pat has taken as she decides to go into full-time ministry. She will be a blessing to our church, and I hope we will be supportive of her training, as she prepares for ministry.

Finally, **Darren Williams** is now officially our new sexton. He has already started work and is doing a fine job.

Please be supportive of these three as they join in our ministry.

Have a great Labor Day weekend!

Peace, Jerry

How does our Garden grow?

Thanks are due to our gardening group, which began its life last Tuesday by recreating the two beds next to the front doors of the church.

Andy Cook and Grant and Jessie Fern Woodward provided generous donations for the plantings and a working group including: Kathy Blocher, Pat Mullen, Diane Zehr, Dave Kreischer and Lori Vandergriff worked from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to transform those beds from weeds to our own "victory garden."

Bulbs have been ordered, and there will be another planting day in October. We'll let you know in case you want to join us.

Also, look for two flowering trees to be added to the front beds in the near future.

Softball team ends winning season



First Christian Church completed a most successful softball season on August 23rd.

Starting in Division "C" of the Evangelical slow-pitch league, a second place finish (5-2) in the first half of play elevated the team to Division "B".

The team proved competitive against the tougher "B" foes finishing the last half with five wins against three losses.

I wish to thank all the team members for their cooperation, fellowship, and enthusiasm in uniting as a team

You did us proud guys!

I especially wish to thank my assistant coaches Woody Klepfer and Ron Lester for their help and counsel.

Lastly, a collective tip of our ball caps

Choir to practice Thursday

The choir will practice from 7 to 8:30 p.m. this Thursday. We would like to invite anyone who would like to make a joyful noise to the Lord to join us this Thursday.

Youth Group News

The Youth Group will meet Sunday, Sept. 11. Watch next weeks' *Tidings* for more information.

for the loyalty of our fans. We really appreciated your support.

We'll look for you next spring.

-Chuck McGrew

Joys

Congratulations to Becky Krull in the birth of Lauren Ruth. Rosemary & Mark Krull are the proud grandparents!

Our sympathy is extended to **Phyllis Lahr** and her family in the recent death of Phyllis' mother-in-law, **Hattie Lahr**.

Martha Hunt has moved to Zionsville, Indiana.

Our sympathy is extended to Genevieve Ripple and her family in the recent death of Rolland.

Congratulations to Neal
Coulardot & Monica Dise who were
married last Saturday evening at First
Christian Church.

<u>Lillian</u> <u>Busse</u> is at the Rehabilation Hospital by Lutheran Hospital.

Ressie Ehresman is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

"Inspirations in Chalk" at D.M.A. Potluck

The D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) will have a special program, "Inspirations in Chalk" at its potluck at 12 noon on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Liz and Floyd Erexson, who belong to and are active in "The Fellowship of Christians Magicians" will be the presenters.

The program includes the drawing of several

amusing and meaningful cartoons and one large 34x46 inspirational chalk scene using fluorescent highlights, colored lighting, and a blacklight to enhance the color and depth. Taped music and songs are used as background.

Lift your spirits as they share their faith through their unique and colorful program.
Bring a friend.



Kitchen supervisor gives reminders

If you use something in the kitchen, please clean and put it back where you found it — including towels and dish cloths. If you borrow something, please return it.

Also, if you put something in the refrigerator, please mark it with your

name, date and purpose for which the item is to be used. Please take leftovers home. And, anything left in the refrigerator over 30 days will be thrown out.

Thank you.

Sue Brey Supervisor of the Kitchen

Interested in being an Acolyter?

Any 3rd to 5th graders who are interested in acolyting, contact Lynn Medlin by Thursday, Sept. 1 at 436-3531.

Rebecca Circle Sept. 13 - 11:30 a.m. Ĉasa D'Angelos

Reception to be held for Bixenman & Buskirk

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We will have a reception for them during the coffee hour time.

Come and say, "Welcome home" to them.



To all at F.C.C.:

Thank you!!!

Thanks to all of the members of the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir for their dedication, friendship and support. Thank you to the staff for all their help and commitment to the music program. Thanks to Jerry and Phyllis for their patience, versatility and virtuosity. And finally thanks to you, the congregation, for your appreciation of everything we have done within the music department.

It was not an easy decision to leave First Christian. However, we will still be close at New Haven United Methodist Church, so please come and visit. We will keep you all in our hearts.

> -John, Janet, Andrew, Amanda & Katharine Kratzat

Those who cleaned the Kitchen:

Thank you to the women who helped clean the kitchen: Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Laura McFarland, Lori Vandergriff, Laura York, Gini Brown, and Bev Hendricks. Special thanks to Edna Nordblom who came to give us moral support. Edna, you made our day! Extra thanks to the Mildred's as

they came back to finish up the rest.

Plus, I want to thank the kids that came with their moms who helped clean the kitchen. They sorted the toys in the nursery. Their behavior was great. Thanks kids — you're great!!

—Sue Brey Supervisor of the Kitchen

To Jack & Bobbie Lindsay:

A big thank you to Jack and Bobbie Lindsay for supplying the church with the colorful disposal bags. Another example of how we can help the work of the Lord.

—Larry Brey Property Chairman

To all persons of F.C.C.:

Thank you for your check to "A Baby's Closet" in the amount of \$152.41. Your generous gift will probably be used to purchase baby diapers since this item is one frequently-requested at the store.

This program is alive and helping young parents because of your generous spirit. In the last seven months, over 450 coupons were redeemed. Many babies are sleeping in new cribs or are being warmed in new blankets or hats because of the love and devotion of your congregation.

Thank you so much for your interest and support of this worthwhile program. We thank you, too, for your past support and ask that you remember us in the future.

—Jean A. Joley
RSVP Director

SERVING SEPTEMBER 4 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hartman & John Ohneck
10:45 a.m. Sam Hayes & Dave Kreischer
DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Young, N. Knappenberger, G. Brown, B. Hendricks

10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, L. Heimann, B. Prechtl, M. Prechtl, A. Moll, E. Vandergriff, J. Davis, B. Glasgow USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Byrket, A. Cook 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, W. Bowen, H. Banet, H. Woods

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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ACOLYTES

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ralph & Judy Church Team II -

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hutchinson 10:45 a.m. Donna Heimann

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Office closed for Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
12 noon D.M.A. Potluck
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7 p.m. Chancel Choir



Pauline Snyder(3), Jessica Hatten(3), Diane Mory(4), Billy Suder(4), Yvonne Fouts(6), Teresa Hatten(7), Ellen Duncan(7), Katherine Smart (8), & Kris Ohneck(9)

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Youth -- What is happenin' now?

Fall brings bright leaves, school buses, annoying bees, new classes and new beginnings.

Not to be outdone, we are planning new beginnings for our youth at First Christian.

This coming Sunday, Sept. 11, we have a fun but educational trip planned. We will be playing at Paige's Crossing. From there we will go to Camp Barbee for a ground

breaking ceremony with some special time in worship as a group.

Then on Sunday, Sept. 18, we are asking the parents to come for a little road rally with our youth, where we will talk plans and dream dreams.

Upcoming events to look forward to are the Regional Assembly in October and then the CYF and Chi Rho Assemblies later. The CROP Walk and a snowy retreat at Barbee also are being planned.

We are hoping for a year of new faith discoveries, a year of developing inter-personal relationships as well as a lot of fun

I hope to see all of you guys and gals from 6th to 12th grades in the coming weeks ahead.

- Pat Mullen

Chancel Choir to be in worship this Sunday

This Sunday will be John Kratzat's last week as our music director. The choir has worked-up a couple of great musical selections to send him with our blessing!

The choir will be with us every Sunday in the second service.

Keven Hege is our new musical director. He will join us Sept. 18.

Fall Growing Season brings this Sunday - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

From Here to Zehr-



Last Saturday, Diane and I took our first hot air balloon ride. It was an amazing experience.

Before we knew it, we were "up, up and away" in a 9-story inflated balloon, five hundred then one thousand and then two

thousand feet up! The height did not bother me unless I looked over the side!

What surprised me the most was how quiet it was up there. Now I understand the scripture, "Be still and know that I am

Ground Breaking celebration at Camp Barbee this Sunday

The Build Barbee Task Force cordially invites all members and friends of First Christian Church to the ground breaking celebration at Camp Barbee this Sunday, Sept. 11.

A time of fellowship will begin at 3 p.m. with refreshments followed by an hour long program beginning at 3:45 p.m. The Benediction will be given at 4:45 p.m.

The program will include a time of singing camp songs and brief comments from several persons including Dr. C. Edward Weisheimer, regional minister.

Please bring your own lawn chair, friends and family

God." I felt the majesty and grandeur of God in a new way.

Rising above the ground gave me a new perspective on all of the struggles on earth.

Maybe we all need a hot air balloon ride to bring our joys and struggles into perspective.

May God inflate your heart and may you rise above struggles this week!
Peace,
Jerry

P.S. I hope you will make every effort to be in worship Sunday. The choir will be back.

Rebecca Circle Sept. 13 - 11:30 a.m. Casa D'Angelos

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Come and say, "Welcome home" to them.

The Journey begins this Sunday

This is a GREAT time to begin learning and growing in your faith as we study the Word of God and how God persistently loves us.

Beginning this Sunday, Sept. 11, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., children, youth, and one of our Adult Classes will begin a series called, "Journey Through the Bible", which will teach us the stories from Genesis on through Kings this year. Then over the next two years, we will cover the entire 66 books of the Bible.

Other classes for adults are offered as well. A listing of topics and groups are found in the brochure included in this week's Tidings.

We all spend many hours during the week learning many other things.

Board meets Sept. 13

The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. We would like all Board members to be present, as we will vote on the Capital Study Task Force recommendations.

Fall Spruce Up Days

→ Saturday, Sept. 17
Trimming, Pruning, &
General Clean-up Outside
→ Saturday, Oct. 1
Inside - Windows, Pews,
& General clean-up

I hope that you will include one hour a week in Sunday School to develop your life of faith. It could not be a more important hour to include in your week.

> —Diane Zehr Minister of Faith Development

P.S. If you loved V.B.S., you'll be delighted to know we now have a Childrens' Ministry Team meeting weekly to make our Sunday mornings for children an interesting creative and quality hour of learning.

Joys once to

Our sympathy is extended to <u>Mark</u> <u>Snyder</u> and his family in the recent death of <u>Pauline Snyder</u>.

<u>Lillian Busse</u> remains at the Rehabilation Hospital by Lutheran Hospital.

Ressie Ehresman is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

We want to welcome Neal & Monica Coulardot into our faith community. They transferred their membership and joined our church last Sunday. Please welcome them.

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10:45 a.m. E. Vanderwall & C. Hatten
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10:45 a.m. W. Klepfer, L. Berry, K. Place, E. Place, Db. Rinker, L. McFarland, M. McFarland, S. Zimmerman

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, K. Graham, D. Graham 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, K. Place, C. Falbe, J. Anderson

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle at Casa D'Angelo's

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 a.m. CWF General Meeting



Janice Ashton(10), Erin Proegler(11), Ruth Plummer(12), Sandy Zimmerman(12), Rita Alexander(12), Kevin Byrket(12), Barb Rumpel(12), Beulah Timmons(13), Edna Nordblom(15), Almeda Rice(15), & Marvel Brickley(15)

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Hege, Mullen to start ministries Sunday

This Sunday, Sept. 18, we will welcome Kevin Hege, our new musical director, and his wife, Linda, into our faith community.

He will give direction to our Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and will work with Jane Walsh and the children.

Kevin comes with a great background in directing and performing.

After receiving his bachelor's of art degree in

music (voice and choral directing), he toured Europe and the U.S.A. as a solo artist with Youth for Christ.

In addition to his excellent directing skills, Kevin is an inspiring guitarist and singer.

On Sunday, he will direct the choir and sing a special number.

Also on Sunday, Pat Mullen will be installed as our new student associate. Pat is beginning her ministerial schooling at Christian Theological Seminary and will give us help in our youth and young adult programming.

Pat comes to us with an undergraduate degree in Psychology and many years of working in the church.

We are excited to help Pat as she takes this new Step of Faith, and we know she will be a blessing to our church.

Bring a friend Sunday!

Parents & Youth -- Road Rally this Sunday 4 to 7

We want all parents and youth grades 6-12 to join us for our first "Road Rally" this Sunday, Sept. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Each car load of adults and youth will be given clues to follow their road map until they find the golden pot at the end of the rainbow.

Will you try to get your parents to come?

We had a **GREAT** turn-out for Sunday School - **17 youth**. Do not forget **9:30 a.m.** grades 6-12.

From Here to Zehr

On Saturday, Oct. 1, The Associated Churches is sponsoring a workshop entitled, "Building Bridges: Gay & Lesbian Christians and the Church."

The understanding of sexuality and life styles is complex and is needing more dialogue in the church. I am glad the Associated Churches is willing to sponsor such an event.

To often, we want to put our heads in the sand and not struggle with difficult issues like this one. The church needs to lead these discussions because our ideas and values shape how we relate to others.

Please read the insert in the newsletter if you are interested in attending.

I plan on attending and would invite everyone to join me.

Following is a good parable told in the "Tales of the Hasidim," as we ask the question, "Who is welcome in our churches?"

New record set Sunday

One hundred and ten (110) children and adults in Church School last Sunday is a new record.

We had a great turn-out for our new classes this Fall. It is so good to see so many who want to study God's word and grow in their faith.

There was a rumor that Vanna White was turning the letters in the Biblical Wheel of Fortune. Who was that Babe!?!

Tales of the Hasidim

An old rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and the day had begun.

"Could it be," asked one of the students, "When you see an animal in the distance and can tell whether it's a sheep or a dog?"

"No," answered the Rabbi.

Another asked, "Is it when you can look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it's a Fig tree or a Peach tree?"

"No," answered the Rabbi.

"Then when is it?" the pupil

"It is when you can look on the face of any man or woman and see that it is your sister or brother. Because if you cannot see this, it is still night."

Peace, Jerry

Cell Leaders,
Assistant Leaders
and Hosts will meet
this Sunday at 7 p.m.
at the church

Notes from the "Journey . . . "

To ALL:

We had our highest attendance ever on our Kick-off last Sunday. 110 in Sunday School. God must be shouting!

To PARENTS:

Your child is earning marks for a variety of things including:

- 1) Bringing self
- 2) Bringing a friend
- 3) Bringing a Bible
- 4) Bringing back a home activity from last week. This week their activity is to write a thank you note to God (it's fair for **you** to help).

When they get 50 points, they can put their hand prints on the pillar in the Upper Room.

To PARENTS of NURSERY AGE CHILDREN:

This year Margaret Prechtl is teaching a very short time every week. Today, they drew animals of God's creation.

Here is the acrostic done in our Bible game room today. For each letter they listed what God had created that began with that letter.

C	Christian	Cat
R	Rain	Rabbit
E	Earth	Eric
\mathbf{A}	Amphibians	Apple
T	Tree	Trees
I	Idiots	Ice
0	Oceans	Octopus
N	Noah's Ark	Nature

Upcoming C.W.F. events announced

The theme for upcoming C.W.F. events will be "Cherish the Children." The events include:

One. A program with, by and for children will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>Sept.</u> 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Persons will enjoy a continental breakfast and hear children, youth and leaders reflect on their summer experiences. Be captivated by an adult guest storyteller!

Parents please come and bring your children. Child care is available. Make

reservations at 744-3239.

Two. join in the annual ministry to Byron Health Care residents on Monday. Sept. 26. Soft cookies and small cookies are needed. Please place in the box by the door.

Three, we will visit Emily Flynn in Marion on Wednesday, Oct. 19. We will have a devotional program by C.W.F., and then we will have lunch with residents. Cost is \$3. We will carpool to Marion.

Please call in your reservations to our office at 744-3239.

Reconciliation Offering - Sept. 25, Oct. 2

I have spent most of the past 10 years of my life working with the judicial system of Allen County.

I have experienced the best and the worst feelings you can imagine.

For some people the statistics they hear on the news concerning the number of young black males in the court system is proof that blacks are more prone to commit crimes than whites.

If you're black the statistics mean you are part of a society that would rather lock you up than live with you.

I have heard it said that Sunday morning is the most segregated day of the week in America. There are very few churches where blacks and whites gather together to worship.



One of the things I love most about being a Disciple of Christ is how we look for the things we have in common rather than the things that separate us.

The Reconciliation Offering is one example of how our church works to bring the believers of Christ together.

Here in Fort Wayne there are several examples of how the moneys raised through the Reconciliation Offering has been put to work. One Church - One Offender was given some start up money, Associated Churches was given some money for it's education programs, and West Central Ministries was given some money this past year.

I believe the way we treat our fellow human beings is an outward expression of our faith in Jesus Christ.

Our friends, neighbors and co-workers see the Jesus we know by how we live our life. The Reconciliation Offering is one way to say we are called to love all our brothers and sisters.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

— Charlie Hatten
Outreach Committee

D.M.A. to go on Pokagon outing Oct. 4

D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) will have lunch at the Potawatomi Inn at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Persons will be able to eat at the buffet or off the menu.

We will walk the nature trails, relax and enjoy the views of the lake and surroundings or shop the nearby outlet mall.

Call the church office at 744-3239 to make reservations and advise if you need transportation. Reservations are needed by Thursday, Sept. 29.

New director of music gives greeting

Greetings in the Lord! It is truly my great pleasure to begin my music ministry here at First Christian Church on Sunday, Sept. 18.

I am more excited at this wonderful opportunity than I know how to tell you.

My musical background is varied from the classical training I received at Indiana University to the Contemporary Christian music I have written and performed in concert, and I am looking forward to sharing both ends of that spectrum as well as everything else in between with you all in worship.

The Chancel Choir is already in rehearsal at this writing and will have sung by the time of this publishing.

The Hand Bell Choir is now in rehearsal as well.

I am looking for more participants in both choirs, so anyone out there who is interested in praising the Lord with music may call me at home at 423-4442 (if you have some experience or interest in bell ringing, I would REALLY like to talk to you).

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I am also excited about making praise music with the children at Sunday School this year!

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank John Kratzat for all of his help and wish him well in his new ministry.

John was of valuable assistance in getting me started here, "showing me the ropes," giving me the guided tour and proving much information and encouragement. I hope to continue the fine ministry that he has brought to you during his time here.

John has also given me a list of soloists who have done special music in the past. I will be contacting those people soon to set up the Fall schedule.

If you would like to get on that schedule and think you may not be on the list, please call me at home also.

I look forward to meeting everyone here and enjoying a long and joyous relationship with First Christian Church.

Grace & Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ, Kevin Hege Director of Music

Sarah Circle Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

Rachel Opening Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m.
Both at the Church

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE

TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FACED WITH PROBLEMS THAT MANY OF US HAVE NEVER HAD TO DEAL WITH OR EVEN HAVE IMAGINED. THE OUTREACH AND SERVICE COMMITTEE OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A PROGRAM THAT WE THINK CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SOME OF THE CHILDREN AT LINDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED IN EITHER ONE OR BOTH OF THE ACTIVITIES.

THE FIRST WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP IS BY BECOMING A PEN PAL. ONCE A WEEK YOU WOULD WRITE A LETTER TO ONE OF THE STUDENTS AND THAT STUDENT WOULD WRITE BACK TO YOU. YOU AND THE STUDENT WOULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND THE STUDENT'S READING AND WRITING SKILLS WOULD IMPROVE IN THE PROCESS.

THE SECOND WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP IS BY BECOMING A FRIENDLY LISTENER. TO BECOME A FRIENDLY LISTENER YOU WOULD GO TO LINDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LISTEN TO ONE OF THE CHILDREN READ. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CHILDREN WILL BECOME BETTER READERS AND THEY WILL ALSO REALIZE THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT THEY ARE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO SPEND TIME WITH.

THIS PROGRAM IS BEING COORDINATED BY BARB HAYES. THE OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK BARB FOR TAKING THE TIME TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NEW MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. THE INFORMATION WE NEED IS:

NAME:							
PHONE:							
I WOULD LIK	E TO BE A:						
PEN PAL	LISTENER	CIRCLE PREFERRED GRADE	K 1	2	3	Λ	5

WE HAVE ABOUT 14 PEOPLE SIGNED UP SO FAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO START THE PROGRAM ASAP SO IF YOUR INTERESTED CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE RIGHT AWAY. BARB WILL BE MATCHING UP PARTICIPANTS OVER THE NEXT WEEK AND THEN WE WILL GET THE PROGRAM ROLLING.

Youth events recapped, announced

Sixteen youth and five adults enjoyed an outing at Paige's Crossing and then participated in the dining hall ground breaking ceremony at Barbee Camp last Sunday. It was great to cheer on our own Ken Taylor.

Next Sunday, on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m., we are having a "Road Rally" for parents and youth.

While we journey from clue to clue in

Fort Wayne, we will have a chance to share our journey of faith as well.

As usual we plan to partake in a minimeal together.

Those whose names begin with A - L, please bring chips and desserts; M - Z, please bring pop and another drink.

We hope to have a great time out. Come see who can decipher all the clues and finish in the lead.

A note from Son Country Farm...

Judy Mey and Kris Ohneck would like to thank the Rev. Diane Zehr and the Christian Church this summer. We were truly blessed by the children as we led them through the curriculum of Son Country Farm. Many children came and went but "the Farm" was still there for them when they visited. Our thanks to the

Thank you given

Thank you for all of your expressions of love and concern during the last few weeks of Pauline's illness and at the time of her death. The prayers, visits, cards, calls and all the years the elders and deacons brought communion to her will never be forgotten. The funeral service was an important step in our healing process. We cannot find the words to tell you how much we appreciated all those who participated and attended.

-The family of Pauline Snyder

children who participated in this program. To recognize them for attending, their names are listed below:

Brian, Polly, Jamie, Monica, Jordan, Melissa, Noah, Michael, Claire, Shaesha, Jenna, Brandon, Shelby, Jeffrey, Jeremy, Jason, Megan, Courtney, Eric, Jacquasha, Arionna, Famika, Sara, and Tony.

Also, many thanks to the high school Sunday School girls for their assistance with our program. They helped serve snacks, assisted the children in coloring weekly sheets, etc. Thanks goes to Katie, Josie, and Christy for your help.

Please keep in prayer

Please keep the following in your prayers: <u>Lillian Busse</u> remains at the Rehabilitation Hospital by Lutheran Hospital. <u>Ressie Ehresman</u> is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital. <u>Lou Simmons</u> is at Lutheran Hospital.

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USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Davis, S. Rudy 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, Db. Rinker, K. Howard

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9:00 a.m. Fall Spruce Up Day 9:00 a.m. CWF General Meeting

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4:00 p.m. Parent & Youth Road Rally (grades 6th-12th)

7:00 p.m. Cell leaders, assistant leaders, and hosts meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir



Dan Flickinger(17), Ginny Johnson(19), Mary Novachcoff(19), Richard Crain(19), Klark Kerley(20), Rosalie Hall(20), Ruth Norton(21), Brian Prechtl(22), Lynn Medlin(22), Westin Hudlow(22), Anita Ellis(23)

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Be sure to look for them.

Catch-up offering response good

Last Sunday we began our week of emphasis to "catch-up" \$7,000 in our giving to the church. We have received almost \$3,000 so far.

We still have a ways to go, but I know many people were not prepared Sunday to participate.

We are asking people who can afford it, to give a one-time gift of \$50 or more to help bring us out of the red.

You may still send a check to the office or bring it next Sunday.

Thank you for the great response so far.

From Here to Zehr

From Farming to Manufacturing to Information

Two hundred years ago, 95 percent of the U.S. workforce was involved in farming, compared to less than four percent today.

In 1900, 25 percent of the U.S. workforce was in factories.

In 1950, 65 percent of the workforce was thus occupied.

Today, only 15 percent of the workforce is in factories.

What a rapid change our society has gone through. No wonder people feel uprooted and unfocused.

It is hard to set direction or grasp an idea only for it to change before your very eyes.

This is a real challenge for the church.

How do we give stability in an ever changing society while still adapting to keep the gospel relevant?

The Gospel is timeless, yet we are constrained by time and space.

We need to be able to communicate the timeless Gospel in a timely way that will reach the unchurched of the 90's.

How can you help God's church continue to grow?

Hope to see you Sunday.

Peace, Jerry

New student minister shares thoughts

Sunday was an extraordinary day in my life as I became your official student minister. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve in this way and for the welcome I received.

As I stood in the Narthex and was so warmly affirmed by words and hugs, the goose bumps came, and I felt renewed in my choice of vocation.

As I reflected alone and with my husband, Mike, I was reminded again of what a special congregation you are. I hope that my year on staff with you will be a time of growth for all of us.

I cannot end this without saying that choosing seminary and my coming as your student minister is all your fault. It is in this congregation where I came to know Christ in a significant way in worship, in study, and most of all in relationship with all of you.

Cell Leaders,
Assistant Leaders
and Hosts will meet
this Sunday, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Notes from the "Journey . . . "

• Tony, age 5, writes this thank you note to God:

Dear God,

Thank you for cats and people and baby's and dogs and my daddy and mommy and Collin and me. Thank you for pigs and horses and policemen and grandpa's and grandma's and ants and grass and butterflies and ducks and roosters and the sunshine and snow.

Love,

Tony Lahr

◆ The adult classes were visited by the animals from Noah's Ark. Underneath their paper bag animal masks, we could see that the animals really were

our Beginners class, 3 & 4 year olds, taught by Laura McFarland.

The Come Double Class taught by Bill Franklin is joining with the Progressive Class taught by Glenn Miller. Both classes will meet in the chapel each Sunday morning.

♦ Faith Fellowship is studying "What Ministers Wish Church Members Knew" and are currently discussing how they can

give better feedback to our "preacher."

So far, ideas have included sitting in the front row with cards to hold up with a point system ranking similar to the kind used in the Olympics.

Jerry <u>is</u> alerted to this possibility.

Upcoming C.W.F. events announced

The theme for upcoming C.W.F. events will be "Cherish the Children." The events include:

One, A program with, by and for children will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>Sept.</u> 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Persons will enjoy a continental breakfast and hear children, youth and leaders reflect on their summer experiences. Be captivated by an adult guest storyteller!

Parents please come and bring your children. Child care is available. Make

reservations at 744-3239.

Two, join in the annual ministry to Byron Health Care residents on Monday, Sept. 26. Soft cookies and small cookies are needed. Please place in the box by the door.

Three, we will visit Emily Flynn in Marion on Wednesday, Oct. 19. We will have a devotional program by C.W.F., and then we will have lunch with residents. Cost is \$3. We will carpool to Marion.

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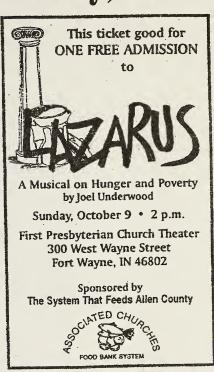
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More details in next weeks' Tidings.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE

TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FACED WITH PROBLEMS THAT MANY OF US HAVE NEVER HAD TO DEAL WITH OR EVEN HAVE IMAGINED. THE OUTREACH AND SERVICE COMMITTEE OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A PROGRAM THAT WE THINK CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SOME OF THE CHILDREN AT LINDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED IN EITHER ONE OR BOTH OF THE ACTIVITIES.

THE FIRST WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP IS BY BECOMING A PEN PAL. ONCE A WEEK YOU WOULD WRITE A LETTER TO ONE OF THE STUDENTS AND THAT STUDENT WOULD WRITE BACK TO YOU. YOU AND THE STUDENT WOULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND THE STUDENT'S READING AND WRITING SKILLS WOULD IMPROVE IN THE PROCESS.

THE SECOND WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP IS BY BECOMING A FRIENDLY LISTENER. TO BECOME A FRIENDLY LISTENER YOU WOULD GO TO LINDLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LISTEN TO ONE OF THE CHILDREN READ. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CHILDREN WILL BECOME BETTER READERS AND THEY WILL ALSO REALIZE THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT THEY ARE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO SPEND TIME WITH.

THIS PROGRAM IS BEING COORDINATED BY BARB HAYES. THE OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK BARB FOR TAKING THE TIME TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NEW MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. THE INFORMATION WE NEED IS:

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PHONE:								
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WE HAVE ABOUT 14 PEOPLE SIGNED UP SO FAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO START THE PROGRAM ASAP SO IF YOUR INTERESTED CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE RIGHT AWAY. BARB WILL BE MATCHING UP PARTICIPANTS OVER THE NEXT WEEK AND THEN WE WILL GET THE PROGRAM ROLLING.

CROP Walk Oct. 16



With woman-power in mind, the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh has established a credit and savings program that is changing the lives of rural women and their families.

The women are using this financial base to invest in small businesses, ventures such as poultry and livestock raising. Food, clothing, schooling, and medical care are a few of the important benefits families receive from the income now being generated in the CCDB-backed businesses.

When you take part in your local CROP Walk, you walk with the women of Bangladesh — all the way to the bank and back home again.

This year's 10K CROP Walk will begin at Franke Park Pavilion #1 at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16. If you are interested in participating, please call Sue Brey (447-3540) or Charlie Hatten (447-2649) or the church office (744-3239).

P Youth Calendar

⇒ Sept. 25 — Regular meeting at 6 p.m. This is a time for all of us to plan our year of study, fellowship, and service. We really want everyone's input.

⇒ Oct. 2 — LAZARUS at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian.

⇒ Oct. 8 — Saturday 7 p.m. Lock-in

⇒ Oct. 9 — No meeting due to Lock-in

⇒ Oct. 16 — CROP Walk

⇒ Oct. 21 & 22 — Regional Assembly

see Charlotte Ewing

⇒ Oct. 23 — Polaroid Scavenger Hunt 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

⇒ Oct. 30 — All church Tailgate Party
Please watch your *Tidings* closely for details of upcoming events.

Joys oncer

Charline Craig is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

John Glasgow is home from the hospital.

Lillian Busse remains a patient at Lutheran Hospital as does Ressie Ehresman, who is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Lou Simmons is back at Riverbend Health Care Center.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 25 ELDERS

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8:15 a.m. G. Brown, J. Young, N. Knappenberger, B. Hendricks

10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, L. Heimann. B. Falbe, J. Mounsey, A. Moll, B. Glasgow, J. Smelser, M. Mullen

USHERS 8:15 a.m. J. Ott, J. Young, M. Hutchinson

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, S. Brey, L. Medlin, D.J. Rinker

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8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

5:30 p.m. Capital Task Force Meeting

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

7:30 p.m. Committees

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Happy Birthday

Sept. 24 - 29

Robert Petty(24), Jenny Harter (25), Dorothy Overmyer(26), Ralph Richard(29), John Briggs(29), Burt Long (29), & Lorrie Markley(29)

Capital Task Force & Finance Committee Tuesday, Sept. 27 -- 5:30 to 7 p.m.

We'll discuss: Alternative bathroom plans with Vic Martin, architect, in preparation for the October board meeting.

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Choose L.I.F.E. with a small group -- Living in Faith everyday --

Living your faith everyday is a hope we all carry in our hearts as Christians. Sometimes, however, so many other things find their way to being first priority in our hearts.

We want to strengthen our spirits to keep first things first with God, so beginning in October, four new groups will be launched to meet twice a month where members pray, study, share life and serve God together.

We call them "Cell" groups because the hope is they can multiply like cells of our body as members bring others to participate.

One group will be for men exploring issues of living your faith where you work and dealing with concerns men have in the 90s.

One group will be for women to explore new horizons for their thinking and living in the 90s.

Two other groups will be for men and

women, anyone who wants to develop as a member of the Body of Christ, as we explore our faith and relationships with others

Who Can Come? You and any other friend or neighbor with whom you might like to share the love of God. You do not have to be a church member to participate.

How do You Get into a Group? We will be having a registration form in the bulletin this Sunday and in *Tidings* next week.

If I have Another Question? Call Jerry or Diane Zehr. We would be glad to talk with you about...

Choosing L.I.F.E.

Fall Spruce Up Day Seturday, Oct. 1 ...CANCELLED...

From Here to Zehr——A new type of church

Last week I made reference to the changing nature of our society. The church is no exception to this change.

A new type of church has emerged over the past 20 years that is setting the pace for all of us who desire to give quality care to our members as well as reach out to the unchurched.

This new church is the small group-based church that:

- Sees everything revolving around effective small groups.
- Asks the people what gifts they bring to the life of the church and encourages them to use those gifts even if the church has no official office or program in which to use their gifts.
- ♦ Streamlines its structures and encourages its members to attend as few committee meetings as possible.
- Sees the role of the pastor as one who does as little ministry as possible and as much equipping of the laity as possible.
- Understands the role of the laity to be the heart of pastoral ministry.
- Is more concerned with enlarging the mission and ministry of the church than with coordination and information.
- ♦ And, asks staff to do the coordinating and information dissemination and the laity to perform

ministry.

I am convinced that over the next 10 years many traditional program-based churches will make the radical shift to the small group-based model.

The more we move into the 21st century, the more people are going to need support and quality relationships and the less they will blindly sit on committees that go nowhere.

The time has come for a paradigm shift in our thinking—from staff oriented to lay oriented, from program centered to relationally oriented, from professional pastor to a coaching and equipping pastor.

We are striving to begin this paradigm shift with the formation of our L.I.F.E. groups.

If you are looking for a way to awaken, enhance or develop your faith into a vibrant dynamic part of your life, I want to strongly urge you to be a part of one of these "cell" groups.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. I realize our lives are filled with many activities and part of our challenge will be to decide what is important for us to give ourselves to.

Notes from the "Journey . . . "

 $\sqrt{K-5}$ years olds are learning that the promise between God and people is a two-way covenant or promise. We trust that God will (in their words):

- · Love us
- · Protect us
- · Give us food
- · Give us Sun and Rain

God trusts that we will...

- · Care for the Earth
- · Be kind
- Take care of animals
- · Keep us healthy
- · Feed my dog
- Obev mom
- Love Dad
- · Care for family

Lay Leadership Committee looking for persons to serve

The Lay leadership Committee is looking for two individuals who would be willing to serve as delegates to the Regional Assembly in Anderson on Oct. 20-22.

We also are looking for one or two persons to serve on the Area Board. The board meets about four times a year.

If you would be willing to serve in either of these roles, please call Jerry Zimmerman at 744-5698 or the church office at 744-3239.

Bring a friend Sunday!

√Our youth are studying Adam, Eve and the serpent. All voted on who was the most responsible of the three for what happened and who was the least responsible. Some good cases were made for their votes. Ask a youth how it came out.

Joys oncere

<u>Darren Wiliam's</u>, our Sexton, mother-in-law had surgery and is home now recovering.

Our sympathy is with **Bob & Doev Smith** in the recent death of Doey's brother.

Our prayers are with Fred Rinker, David Rinker's father, who is having tests and possible surgery this week.

Ressie Ehresman is back at St. Anne's Nursing Home while Lillian Busse remains at Lutheran Hospital

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Address Changes for new directory

Darren Williams, Sexton 210 W. Butler Street 46802 456-4644

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Lori Lewis R.R. 001, Box 584-B Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Anne Scott 65 Pelican Point Drive Apartment 101 Delray Beach, FL 33483

Neal & Monica (Dise) Coulardot 506 Archer Avenue 46808 422-5782

P Youth Calendar

A humble note from your Student Pastor:

I managed to make mistakes on the Youth Activities Calendar. I have tried to blame Charlie Hatten, but it just would not fly. Please accept my apology.

- Pat Mullen

- ⇒ Oct. 2 Regular meeting at 6 p.m. We will make banners for the CROP Walk.
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Saturday, Oct. 8 - 8:30 to 4 Lunch will be served!



Thanks to all of our friends for the telephone calls and the many cards we received at the time of Rolland's death.

Thanks to the ladies who prepared the meal, and thanks to Jerry for the lovely message.

May God bless you all.

— Genevieve Ripple, Wanda & Greg Hamm

Vaught to turn 100; funds to be collected

Edna Vaught will reach her 100th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 15!

We plan to celebrate this event with Edna on Sunday, Oct. 9.

If you would like to contribute to the Edna Vaught Memorial Fund, drop a check into the offering or send it to the church office.

Please make sure it is clearly marked, "For Edna Vaught Memorial Fund."

If you have a picture painted by Edna, we would like to borrow it Sunday, Oct. 9. Please contact the church office or Ralph Church at either 447-5691 (Home) or 439-3726 (Work).

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8:30 a.m. Barbee Fall Clean-Up Day

Happy Birthday

October 1-7

Lynn Spencer(1), John Kratzat(2), Anna Taylor(2), Estel Vandergriff(2), Ruth Bennington(3), Bruce Stone(3), Kathlyn Banet(4), Brian Hayes(5), Jean McGrew(5), Deb Lester-Webb(5), Earl Plummer(6), Betty Maksl(7), Bryce Stover(7)

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Tailgate Trick or Treat Time!

Want to have a great time of fun, food, and fellowship?

There is such a Sunday, Oct. 30, when everyone can do just that at First Christian Church.

The evening of fun, food and fellowship will be as scheduled:

4 p.m. - Games coordinated by our youth.

5 p.m. - We'll gather in fellowship for sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, cup cakes, and cider (hot or cold). A free will offering will be taken.

6 p.m. - Adults will open their decorated trunks and hand out their trick or treats to our children as they go in costume from car to car.

To close the evening, we will have camp fire stories.



Kids....come in costume.

Adults....prize for costumes and best decorated trunk.

Adults.... be prepared for treats for 50 to 75 children.

Please read the insert in this issue about the exciting new groups that are forming. If you are interested, mail the form into the church or bring it on Sunday.

From Here to Zehr-

Following is the quote from Pastor Niemoeller (victim of the Nazis) that I used on Sunday:

"First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out — because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the communists and I did not speak out — because I was not a communist.

Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out — becasue I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for me — and there was no one left to speak out for me.'

Who do we need to speak out for? Whose voice is not strong enough to

Thanks given for support

Thank you for the positive response to our "Catch-up Sundays." We had almost \$4,500 given, plus a number of people caught up on their regular pledge. We were able to make-up our \$7,000 deficit and continue the ministries we are providing.

Thanks for your generous support of God's church.

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be heard that we as a society and the church need to hear?

Sermon Preview

THIS Sunday, Oct. 9, my sermon title will be, "The Third 'M' - 'Man-kind'" — What are the issues facing men of the 90's? How can the church help men understand their faith in relationship to their identity.

Peace, Jerry

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has a change in their meeting date.
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Choose L.I.F.E. with a small group

Living your faith everyday is a hope we all carry in our hearts as Christians. Sometimes, however, so many other things find their way to being first priority in our hearts. We want to strengthen our spirits to keep first things first with God, so beginning in October, four new groups will be launched to meet twice a month where members pray, study, share life and serve God together.

We call them "Cell" groups because the hope is they can multiply like cells of our body as members bring others to participate.

One group will be for men exploring issues of living your faith where you work and dealing with concerns men have in the 90s. One group will be for women to explore new horizons for their thinking and living in the 90s.

Lay Leadership Committee looking for persons to serve

The Lay leadership Committee is looking for two individuals who would be willing to serve as delegates to the Regional Assembly in Anderson on Oct. 20-22.

We also are looking for one or two persons to serve on the Area Board. The board meets about four times a year.

If you would be willing to serve in either of these roles, please call Jerry Zimmerman at 744-5698 or the church office at 744-3239.

Two other groups will be for men and women, anyone who wants to develop as a member of the Body of Christ, as we explore our faith and relationships with others.

Who Can Come? You and any other friend or neighbor with whom you might like to share the love of God. You do not have to be a church member to participate.

How do You Get into a Group? We will be having a registration form in the bulletin this Sunday and in Tidings next week

If I have Another Question? Call Jerry or Diane Zehr. We would be glad to talk with you about...

Choosing L.I.F.E.

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Charline Craig remains at the Rehabilitation Center.

Kathy Marvel's son is in Haiti.

We were glad to have <u>John</u>
<u>Truesdell</u> back in worship with us last
Sunday after his illness.

Year of Missions gets off to good start



The Year of Missions is getting off to a good start. We have 18 people signed-up to either be penpals or friendly listeners with Lindley Elementary School.

We think this is going to be a blessing for everyone involved.

The Food Bank Steering Committee met this past week and learned that the need is higher than we expected it to be. We served over 4,200 people in August and it seems to be rising.

Our Food Bank here at First has seen an increase in need also. We need additional volunteers to help staff the Food Bank. If you would be interested in helping even one day a month, please call the church office and leave a message.

The Associated Churches Food Bank system received a \$5,000 grant from Lincoln National this past week. That

CROP Walk Oct. 16

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If you are interested in participating, please call Sue Brey (447-3540) or Charlie Hatten (447-2649) or the church office (744-3239).

sounds great, and we appreciated it, but last year we got \$15,000; additionally, the Churches matched that amount for a total of over \$30,000.

We will need to work extra hard this year to make the \$30,000 figure again. We have set a goal of \$1,000 for our church to raise over the next three months.

If all the churches do what they can, we will have enough to feed everyone over the holidays.

The celebration for the Food Bank Sunday was special, and we would like to thank Kevin Hege and the Rev. Vern Graham for their help. Edna Nordblom and all the volunteers have been faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In other news, I know many of you have been praying for the Jail Bible Study that was put on hold for a few weeks for reasons we are not exactly sure of, but as of this past Monday, we are back in business.

The Outreach Committees is trying to find ways of helping you put your faith into action.

If you have an idea that you would like to discuss, please give the church office or myself a call.

I know the holiday season will be a great chance for us to reach out to our community and show the love of Christ to those who are in need.

F重 Youth Calendar

Youth to see Play

Our youth group will leave from FCC at 1:15 p.m. for First Presbyterian for the play *Lazarus*. We need to leave early, so we can get good seats.

I have heard wonderful things about this play, so I hope all of you can come.

Please bring a friend as well.

We should be back at the church by 3:30 p.m., so your parents can pick you up. See you Sunday.

- Pat Mullen

- ⇒ Oct. 9 LAZARUS play at First Presbyterian Church. Meet at the church at 1:15 p.m., and we will return by 3:30 p.m.
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Saturday, Oct. 8 - 8:30 to 4 Lunch will be served!



On behalf of the YWCA Shelter for Women Victims of Violence, I would like to thank you for your donations of \$140.

Your donation is greatly appreciated by the many women and children in our Shelter program. We are glad that you thought about us.

— Sue Lewis, YWCA Shelter Director

Lazarus to be performed

LAZARUS will be performed at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, 1994 at the First Presbyterian Church Theater.

It is a stunning, funny, and poignant play for your whole family sponsored by The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

It highlights the problems of poverty and hunger in our world today.

It was written by Joel Underwood for BREAD FOR THE WORLD, a Washington-based organization working on hunger issues here and around the world.

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken to benefit The Associated Churches' Food Banks and Bread for the World.

First Christian Church's Outreach & Service Committee is helping to underwrite the expenses.

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1:15 p.m. CYF & Chi to Lazarus at First

Presbyterian

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Happy Birthday October 8-14

Eileen Klepfer(8), Bill Johnson(9), Mildred Hogg(10), Candace Cole(10), Kathy Graham(10), Mike Chapin(10), Doris Koehlinger(11), Pheung Phomsoupha(11), John Truesdell(12), Anne Scott(12), Lori Bagley(12), Charles Wrisk(13), Jim Bramel(14)

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All newcomers are welcome!

From Here to Zehr-

E.C. Keating, a pastor of the Church of Christ in Wollongong New South Wales, reflects in "Net Results," a publication on church vitality of leadership, on six ingredients he found after visiting a number of growing congregations in North America.

<u>Priorities:</u> The visited churches focus on making themselves accessible and open to the nonchurchgoer. Staff appointments, buildings, worship styles, and preaching reflect this general vision.

Facilities: In some cases, space was a more important feature than quality. Saddleback Community Church, for example, built an immense parking lot first and met in a large tent until its auditorium was completed. (A tent would not be suitable in all aspects of the Australian climate either!)

Staff: Frequently, the group was impressed by the interaction among church staff people: their commitment to head in one direction, as well as their loyalty to each other and to the overall vision of the church. Staff members were often chosen because of skills and ability rather than the depth or extent of their theological education.

New Churches: The group noted that the nonaligned, nontraditional churches visited are growing rapidly and having a stronger appeal to the post-war generation. A couple of established churches we visited had experienced some

difficulties in changing overall policy and direction when attempting to overcome decline

Small-Group Program: A common characteristic of growing churches (in California) is the commitment to small-group programs as a means of outreach, nurture, and assimilation. These groups are generally home-based.

Ministry: In the fast-growing churches, lay people seem more involved in active ministry, such as in visitation and group leadership, and less involved in administration and decision-making processes.

Do you agree with his reflections?

Are these ingredients that we are incorporating into the life of our community?

I would be interested in your comments on these six points and how they may or may not be applicable to our congregation.

See you Sunday! Peace, Jerry

Sermon Preview

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Children to sing Oct. 23; men needed in choir



Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ!

I have been playing music with our Kindergarten and elementary school age children during Sunday School this Fall, and I am pleased to announce that

we will be doing a song at the 10:45 service on Sunday, Oct. 23.

If you have a child of the above age who you would like to have participate, it is not too late (it's never too late).

Just bring them to Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. on the next two Sundays, and we'll make them a part of this ministry.

While I'm throwing in my 2 cents, I would like to mention that the choir (like the Marines) is looking for a few good MEN. Women, of course, are always welcome also, but the bass and tenor sections are slightly understaffed.

Those of the male persuasion who are interested in praising God with song are strongly encouraged to come join us at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the church.

Desire to minister in song is much more important than strength in voice.

So come be part of the few; the proud; <u>THE</u> <u>CHOIR!!!</u>

Halloween Tailgate Party coming Oct. 30

Do you want your children to have a safe place to Trick or Treat this year?

Bring your children (and friends too) to our Halloween Tailgate Party on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The evening of fun, food and fellowship will be as scheduled:

4 p.m. - Games coordinated by our youth.

5 p.m. - We'll gather in fellowship for sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, cup cakes, and cider (hot or cold). A free will offering will be taken.

6 p.m. - Adults will open their decorated trunks and hand out their trick or treats to our children as they go in costume from car to car.

ADULTS: If you want to decorate your trunk, and you can open it up and let the children receive their treats from your trunk. A prize will be awarded for the best decorated trunk.

KIDS: Come in costume and bring your friends.

Notes from the "Journey . . . "

Youth Sunday School

Each of us carried a brick for the Sunday School hour symbolic of the burden on our soul, when we hold back from forgiving someone who has wronged us.

DMA to "Meet the Mayor"

Mayor Paul Helmke will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, Nov. 1 here at the church for our next DMA (Don't Mention Age) meeting.

A pot-luck lunch will be held beginning at 12 noon. Bring a dish, your comments and concerns, as we learn more about our community.

Attention Parents

Notice to Parents of Nursery & Beginners (3-4 years) children:

We are trading rooms, so that our nursery will be closer to the restroom and our beginners have more space since this class is quite large.

This Sunday please remember to take your child to the other room.

Please note CWF change

CWF will visit the Emily Flinn Home on Wednesday, Oct. 26. All interested persons who would like to go, please contact the church office at 744-3239.

3&4 Year Olds & K-5

Family trees were crafts for last Sunday, as we looked at our Genesis families of Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel.

It made us think of our own families and how each member was a "blessing" to us.

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Congratulations to Grady & Dawn Vanderwall in the birth of Whitney Nicole on Oct. 3, 1994. Dick & Erma Vanderwall are the proud grandparents. This is their 12th grandchild.

<u>Dick & Judy Mey's</u> son-in-law is headed for the Persian Gulf for troop build-up.

<u>Eileen Klepfer</u> is home recovering from a pulled muscle.

<u>Charline Craig</u> remains at the Rehabilitation Hospital.

<u>Charles Green</u> and <u>Raymond</u> <u>Sarrazin</u> are now both home from Lutheran Hospital while. <u>Lillian Busse</u> is at her son Larry's home.

If you have a Joy and/or Concern, please give it to either Jerry or Diane or call the church office at 744-3239.



Youth in CROP Walk Sunday, Oct. 16

The CROP Walk is next week.

Please bring your signs and pledge sheets. We will gather at Franke Park Pavilion II at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Then on Sunday, Oct. 23, we are having a Polaroid Scavenger Hunt. If there is anyone who would like to loan us their Polaroid camera it would be much appreciated.

- Pat Mullen

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Special thanks given

I would like to thank all for their prayers, cards, and calls and to God for a "miracle". After my eye surgery, I can now see!

Thanks again to everyone.

- Lola Miller

Ministry support committee set up for student minister

As part of my assignment as student minister, I have formed a ministry support committee.

The purpose of this committee is to support me in my ministry at FCC and to help me see my strengths and weaknesses in ministry.

I would appreciate feedback from the congregation as well, for I cannot assess how I am doing without your help.

If anyone has issues to address be they positive or negative, please contact one of the following people: Dick Mey, Ellen Duncan, Janet Weicker, Carolyn Falbe or Charles Linn.

This committee will be meeting the third Tuesday of each month.

I thank you once again for allowing me to begin my ministry here, and I hope with your help to do my best what God is asking me to do.

-Pat Mullen
Student Minister

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2:00 p.m. CROP Walk (meet at Pavilion

#1 at Franke Park

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 p.m. Women's Life Group at Kathy Blocher's, 2521 Clara Avenue

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 p.m. Pat Mullen's PRC 7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group at Ralph & Judy Church's, 5126 Werling

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:45 p.m. Carillon

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THURSDAY - SATURDAY

Regional Assembly in Anderson SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00 a.m. Sherwood Pettit Assoc.

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Dick Ashton (15), Edna Vaught (15), Herb Banet (17), Ruth Ogles (17), Charlie Byrket (18), and Federick Warner (18).

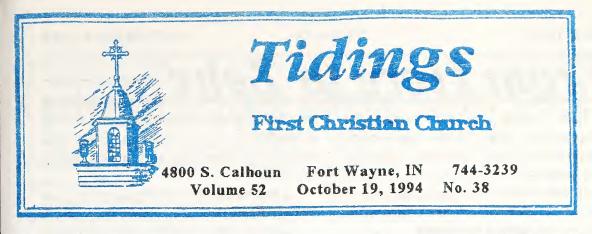
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"Reaching A New Generation for Christ"

This Sunday, Oct. 23, the children will sing during the second service. Additionally, the drama troupe will present a world premier vignette - "A Day in the Life of Diane Johnson."

This will coincide with a special recognition for Diane Johnson for her 15 years of service as our secretary.

The Revs. Diane and Jerry Zehr will do a dialog sermon on "the 5th 'M' in Marriage - Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus."

In other news, "Reaching A New Generation for Christ" is the theme of our 1994 stewardship campaign.

How important is it for the church to be bringing people into a vibrant and transforming relationship with Jesus Christ?

I hope you believe it is very important! It is the most important mission of the church!

During the first week of November, we will have six meetings (Specific dates and times on Page Two) that we

would like for you to sign-up to attend one of these. In this hour, there will be a media presentation of the different programs and ministries we hope to be involved in this next year.

Also, there will be a proposed budget for you to ask questions about and there will be your choice of apple or cherry pie to eat.

People will be given an estimate of giving card at these gatherings to begin to reflect on how they can financially support this vision for 1995.

We hope everyone will try to attend one of these six meetings, so we can gain your input and share the vision of our church for "Reaching A New Generation for Christ."

Then on Sunday, Nov. 13, we will have our Consecration Sunday/Harvest Dinner in which people will be able to consecrate their gifts for the upcoming year during the worship service with our Thanksgiving dinner after the second service.

From Here to Zehr-

Last Sunday, I was invited to participate in the 100th Anniversary Celebration of First Christian Church in Peru, Indiana.

It was fifteen years ago that I first walked into that church after moving to Peru to teach speech and drama.

I decided to go to church when I got into town and that looked like as good of a church as any.

I did not know anything about the Disciples theology, but as I entered the church, I was warmly greeted and encouraged to attend.

This church went the next step further and helped nurture me in my faith and encouraged me to take a leadership role in the church.

It was a congregation that supported me as I made my decision for seminary. I found myself as Timothy of this church telling this story again last Sunday.

They reached out to a new person, a non-member, and helped me come into a fuller relationship with Jesus Christ. I thank God for their commitment and concern to reach the unchurched!

Steward Campaigns can get to be focused just on money, but I realized again Sunday that the financial support of many help bring others to Christ.

We need to have ministry campaigns or the church can not continue. I hope we/I will always see the value of stewardship campaigns and realize the real mission of the church is not to raise money as an end in itself, but it is to help us in our real mission of "Reaching a New Generation for Christ".

I was one of the "new generation," as were many of you.

Let us get excited and passionate about what we are trying to accomplish this Fall.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. I hope you will make every effort to be at <u>one</u> of the following six meetings we have planned for November:

"Reaching a New Generation for Christ"

Tuesday, Nov. 1 - 11 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, Nov. 3 - 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 - 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 - 12 noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 - 6 to 7 p.m.

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Lori Vandergriff's father is recovering after surgery.

<u>Dave Rinker's</u> father had surgery last week.

Grace Truby will be moving to Fairmount, IN.

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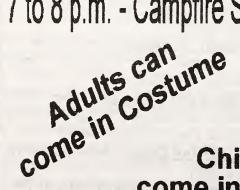
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4 to 5 p.m. - Childrens' Games

5 to 6 p.m. - Dinner for All Freewill Offering Taken

6 to 7 p.m. - Tailgate Trick or Treating

7 to 8 p.m. - Campfire Story by Jerry Zehr



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FOR THE FAMILY

By Diane Zehr Minister of Faith Development

All families celebrate dressing up on Halloween, trick or treating and enjoying the activities of the day.

Many of us don't really know the origins of the day and when it was developed.

We have fun with ghost stories and white sheeted goblins run our streets that night from door to door.

Following is an explanation of Halloween that you can use with children to help them understand the differences between having Halloween fun and really believing in ghosts and goblins and the activity of evil spirits.

Halloween began before Jesus was born. People in most of the world believed in many gods. We believe that there is only one God.

The Celts were people who lived a long distance from the land where Jesus lived. They believed in many gods, and one was a god of death who sent evil spirits into animals to play terrible tricks on people all winter. The Celts believed that by wearing scary masks before winter they would scare off the evil spirits or make the evil spirits think that they were one of them.

When the Christians came to that country they taught about Jesus and the one true God. They tried to make the people stop worshiping evil spirits by celebrating a day they called All Saints Day on November 1. They made this a day to remember all Christians who had lived before.

The Celts believed that those who were dead could hurt them. We don't believe that. We believe that God has power over everyone who is alive and dead and that God is with us always to help us.

Halloween is like the dark side of a holiday. It is what people believed before they learned about Christ. All Saints Day is the light side. It is what we believe when we know about Christ.

We'll be celebrating All Saints Day the first Sunday of November.

Portions of this article were taken from How Do Our Children Grow? by Delin Halverson.

Week of Compassion update given

As US troops solidify the Haitian intervention and the media gives momentary attention to that troubled land, the church's presence there has been steadfast.

During the embargo, Church World Service was able to provide medicines, food, even support for women raped by the "attaches."

WEEK OF COMPASSION is now helping cover the shipping costs of a CWS container of humanitarian aid (medicines, powdered milk, etc.) valued at \$500,000.

CWS and Haitian church partners are preparing for a major ecumenical response to supply additional aid and begin much needed rehabilitation projects.

D i s c i p l e s missionaries, Felix and Maria Ortiz, are returning to Haiti and will give leadership to this effort.

CWS has issued an appeal for \$1 million.

WEEK OF COMPASSION has sent \$6,000 toward a goal of \$60,000.

Your support of WEEK OF COMPASSION and prayers of intercession bring help and hope to the Haitian people.

Thanks and God bless, Johnny Wray, Week of Compassion

"Godapalooza...Let's Party with God!"

"Godapalooza...Let's Party with God!" is the theme of the 1994 CYF Assembly to be held Friday and Sunday, Nov. 11-13 at First Christian Church, Bloomington, Indiana.

The keynoter will be the Rev. Steve Sprinkle, who is the pastor of the Pleasant Union Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Newton Grove, North Carolina, and is well known to many through previous camp/keynote events.

Other events taking place during the weekend are the following: small groups, worship, and a Saturday night party: "Return to Woodstock."

The registration fee is \$30. Registration information and forms may be obtained by calling the church office at 744-3239.

Happy Birthday!!!

October 21-28

Leotha Jones (21)

Bill Love (22)

Don Pomeroy (23)

Tom Mathis (25)

Steven Mullen (25)

Leigh Westerfield (27)

Charles Murray (28)

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Youth News

Scavenger Hunt postponed

Due to a lack of Polaroid cameras, the Scavenger Hunt originally scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 23rd has been postponed.

Instead, we will meet at the church at 5 p.m. to distribute flyers in the neighborhood and then go to see <u>The Dungeon of Doom</u> downtown. We should be back at the church by 7:15 p.m.

In other Youth News, please remember the CYF Convention Nov. 11-13 in Bloomington. We need to register before Monday, Oct. 31.

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— Diane Zehr

CAPITAL TASK FORCE will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Southgate Pizza Hut

SERVING OCTOBER 23 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Delores Keebortz & Charles Ewing 10:45 a.m. Charles Hatten & Dave Kreischer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. S. Knuckles, J. Lindsay, B. Lindsay, A. Knappenberger

10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, L. Heimann, Dv. Rinker, Db. Rinker, M. Mullen, J. Smelser, J. Mounsey, B. Kelly USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, A. Cook, C. Davis 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, S. Brey, Db. Rinker, D.J. Rinker

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L. Ewing - M. McFarland
C. Ewing - A. Knappenberger
D. Mey - J. Mey
J. Ohneck - J. Mounsey

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sue Brey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Klepfer/Rieke

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Bobbie Lindsay 10:45 a.m. Charles Hatten

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

12:00 noon Newcomers Luncheon

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's, 10330 Tillman Road

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

6:00 p.m. Capital Task Force Meeting at Pizza Hut, Southgate

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

7:00 p.m. Committees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

CWF to Emily Flinn Home 7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group at Tim & Diana Norton's, 3309 Woodgate Trail

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

5:45 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY- SATURDAY

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This is it! Tailgate Trick or Treat Sunday

We need lots of adults who care about kids to be sure to come Sunday evening, Oct. 30, prepared to hand out treats from your trunks in the parking lot.

We would love it if you decorated your trunks, but even if you don't, the kids will love it if you are there and enjoying them as they make their rounds trick or treating.

Bring plenty of treats since we have delivered 600 notices to the neighborhood and sent letters to all of our children who came to Bible School last summer.

Remember the schedule:

- 4 to 5 p.m. Games for children led by youth including Basket Shoots, Apple Bobbin', Face Painting, Bowling, Little Kids Golf, and a Halloween Quiz.
- 5 to 6 p.m. Dinner of sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips, cup cakes, and cider (hot or cold). A free will offering will be taken.
- 7 to 8 p.m. TRICK or TREATING 8 p.m. - Awards will be given for the best

decorated trunk and the best adult costume. Campfire stories will then be told by 'Herr' Zehr.

The Fellowship Committee led by Karen Bushey has been hard at work on this event.

We know you will love being there.

Prizes include: a sun tan package, a free pizza from Pizza Hut, an ice cream pie from Baskin Robbins, a coffee maker and two oil changes from Hires Auto Parts.

Prizes will be on hand for kids too!

<u>NOTE:</u> The orange flyer inside is an invitation for you to give to a friend or neighbor.

Special-called meeting of the Board of Trustees Sunday, Oct. 30 at 9:30 a.m. to approve proposed budget

From Here to Zehr-

Following are a few questions people have asked me over the past weeks....

Q - What is our theme for our Stewardship Campaign this year?

A - Our theme is "Reaching a New Generation for Christ."

Q - Why are we using that emphasis for our campaign?

A - Many times we see the focus of giving to the church to help keep our institution a float. We are realizing more and more the mission of the churches' ministries are to being the seeker into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Q - When will this campaign begin?

A - During the first week of November, we will have six meetings in which we will present a proposed budget. We will have time for questions and answers while we eat a piece of apple or cherry pie.

Q - Is that it?

A - No. We will give people an estimate of giving card at these meetings for them to start to think about what their financial support for God's work in 1995. We will consecrate our pledges on Sunday, Nov. 13 during the worship services.

Q - Why should I fill out an estimate of giving card?

A - This will help the Finance/Stewardship Committees make a realistic budget, as we plan for the ministries of our church in 1995.

Q - Will we have the Harvest

Dinner?

A - Yes! On Sunday, Nov. 13 after the second service, we will have our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner!

I love Turkey!

Peace, Jerry

P.S. My question for you to answer — Will you make an effort to be at one of the following six meetings? We really need your participation to make this successful.

"Reaching a New Generation for Christ"

Tuesday, Nov. 1 - 11 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, Nov. 3 - 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 - 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 - 12 noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 - 6 to 7 p.m.

The meetings will be held at the church. Please look for a sign-up card at the church.

Upcoming Sermons

Oct. 30 - Sixth "M" Money - The Color of Money.

Harvest Dinner - Nov. 13
Call the church office
to make your reservation!

Disciple Chalice placed in time capsule

Thanks to Bill Franklin's efforts, our church placed a chalice and plaque into the Bi-Centennial Time Capsule.

In one hundred years, the leaders of our city will open this time capsule and find our chalice with the following inscription...

A Message to the 21st Century

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 4800 South Calhoun Street Founded in Fort Wayne on November 19, 1871

We have chosen the chalice as the perfect symbol of our denomination. It has always been our custom to receive communion at the Lord's Table each Sabbath and any occasion we worship.

The Disciples are uniquely American. Our denomination was founded in frontier times during the "Restoration Period" as part of the Campbell Stone movement (1804-1832). We still live today with a fervent dream to unify all Christianity! Our motto is: "In faith unity, in opinions liberty, in all things love."

Our sincere prayer and hope is that in your time such a dream is now a reality!

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It is exciting to imagine what our community will be like in 100 years. Will there still be a First Christian Church? This question gives us something to ponder. How can I help make sure our church is vibrant in 100 years? Have you put the church in your will? The resources from our memorial funds have and will help our church prosper into the 21st century.

All Saints Day Service of Remembrance & Healing Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel at F.C.C.

All of us remember those loved ones who have passed and celebrate the gifts they offered to us and to the world. We want to share that care with you in a service of remembrance and healing.

Come if you want to

remember a loved one who has gone before you at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1 in the Chapel.

Come if you want to be in prayer with your community of faith for loved ones who need God's special healing presence and spirit in their lives right now.

There will be a silent time for meditation and prayer, candles to light representing those for whom we thank God and for whom we pray special prayers of healing.

Notes from the "Journey . . . "

1. Thanks to all our Adult Sunday School classes for being the survey group for our childrens' classes who played Genesis Family Feud.

Here are the results of the survey and the number one answers.

Responses #1 Answers

A Father in Genesis — Abraham Book of the O.T. — Genesis

Something Noah Did — Built an Ark

Sons of Isaac — Jacob

Promise from God — No more floods Something God Made — Heaven & Earth

2. Our youngest Sunday Schoolers in the nursery make a great choir when they

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Jeffrey Grier (30), Helen Foltz (31),
Charles Schnobel (31), Gary Falbe (31),
Jim Shirley (31), Coleen Wilcoxson (1),
Violet Wuthrich (1), Sharon Eme (1),
Judy Church (2), Jack Brickley (3),
Jane Walsh (4), and Ruth Stone (4).

all read the book of baby animals together. They "drink", "quack", "moo", bah" and "cheep" in great harmony. Ruth Detter and Margaret Prechtl are the caregivers.

3. Thanks to the K-5 class who sang the Creation Do-Wa-Ditty song in worship this week.

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Our prayers are with Bill & Ginny Johnson as Ginny's mother was diagnosed with Cancer.

<u>Lillian Busse</u> has been moved to Ossian Health Care, 215 Davis Road, Ossian, IN 46777.

<u>Charles Wrisk</u> is back at home after a brief hospital stay.

We wish <u>Jerry & Sandy</u>
<u>Zimmerman</u> farewell as they are moving
Nov. 4. Their new address is 10270
Lakeshore Drive East, Carmel, IN 46033.

Grace Truby is also moving soon to Fairmount, IN.

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Congrats to Homestead Band

The Homestead Band is the best in the land winning first in the State band contest this last weekend in their division.

Three of our youth made that first place possible - Chandra Duncan - Flute, Brandon Falbe - Trombone, and Adam Falbe - Trumpet. Great job!

- Pat Mullen

November Youth Calendar

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— Diane Zehr

Use the orange flyer inserted today to invite a friend or neighbor Sunday night!

SERVING OCTOBER 30

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Bob Hendricks & Lauren Ewing 10:45 a.m. Erma Vanderwall & Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. N. Knappenberger, J. Arnold, M. Arnold, C. Davis

10:45 a.m. B. Falbe, B. Glasgow, E. Place, K. Place, C. Ewing, E. Vandergriff, Dv. Rinker, Db. Rinker

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, S. Rudy, J. Young
10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, H. Banet, C. Falbe,
H. Woods

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EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Jean Sheets

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Charles & Jean McGrew

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

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10:45 a.m. Second Worship

4:00 p.m. Halloween Tailgate Party

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 p.m. Service of Remembrance and Healing

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group at Ralph and Judy Church's

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Barbee Camp Fall Work Day Part 2

People are needed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Barbee Camp to complete the removal of the porch roof and other projects.

For more information call Ken Taylor at 485-5348.

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It's coming! Harvest Dinner Nov. 13

We want to invite all members and friends of First Christian Church to our Thanksgiving Dinner at 12 noon on Sunday, Nov. 13.

The menu consists of turkey, vegetables, pie, and all the fixings. The

 food will be provided. A free will offering will be taken to help offset the cost.

We would like everyone to make reservations, so please call the church office at 744-3239 if you have not made your reservation(s).

We have some scary people at F.C.C!

We had a great turnout for our Tailgate Trick or Treat night! We had some wild costumes - Mike Mullen's hairdo was an original, and some great decorated trunks.

The Scariest Decorated Trunks went to Rinkers, first; Heges, second; and Meys, third. The Most Original decorated trunk went to Prechtls, first; Breys, second; and Mullens, third.

The <u>Scariest Costume</u> for women went to Laura McFarland, Brenda Kelly and Deb Rinker and for men, Brian Prechtl, Mike McFarland and Dave Rinker.

The Most Original Costume went

to Jean Sheets, Judy Church and Laura Bowser.

Thanks to all who participated, especially to the Rev. Diane Zehr, Karen Bushey and all of the Fellowship Committee. What was the Rev. Jerry wearing on his head?

CYF & Chi Rho - Leaf raking Nov. 6

Please meet at the church to help rake leaves at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6. Bring a rake and gloves if you have a pair. We do have a few rakes at the church. Let's make this a fun project as well as a service project.

From Here to Zehr

The three points Diane and I lifted up in our sermon about marriage are really relevant for all relationships.

One: <u>Listen</u> - this does not mean only hearing words but understanding where the other person is coming from and what they are feeling in the words they are expressing.

Two: Claim Responsibility - this means moving out of the "blame game," you did this, and you did that, into speaking about your feelings through "I" messages. What can you change to make the relationship better rather than trying to make them change for you.

Three: <u>Surprise Giving</u> - doing something or planning something that you were not required to do or they did not know about. We all enjoy surprises in romance and our daily lives.

Following are some excellent thoughts on listening. I hope you enjoy them.

To Listen...

To listen to another person is to offer a gift.

<u>To listen</u> with caring to another person is to offer a gift of awareness.

To listen with acceptance to all facets of another person is to offer a gift of healing.

To listen with patience for new ways to see the past events of another person is to offer a gift of freedom.

<u>To listen</u> with reverence for new becomings emerging within another person to offer a gift of grace.

-Robert Brizee, The Gift of Listening

Peace, Jerry

Diane Johnson gives thanks for kindness

I want to thank all who sent cards, notes, gifts, and/or money donations to celebrate my 15th anniversary at First Christian Church as church secretary.

Thank you also goes to Eileen Klepfer and Marilyn Rieke for the delicious cake they provided for everyone at the coffee hour.

A special thank you to the Parenthetical Players for "The Day in the Life of Diane Johnson", and a big thank you to Jerry and Diane who made this day all possible.

I wish to thank all the many volunteers who help out around the

church who make my job a lot easier. The friends I have made over the years are ones never to be forgotten.

First Christian Church is truly a great place to be a part of.

Thanks again so much!

—Diane Johnson Church Secretary

Why is client load higher for Food Bank?

I was talking with someone about the fact that our client load is about 10 percent higher than last year. My friend said that she could not understand why, with the number of employment ads in the papers, people do not take jobs and get off the dole.

The answer is that a number of our clients do work at near minimum wage jobs and cannot provide for their families, even when both parents work.

We also serve a number of retired workers or their widows who are trying to live on their Social Security payments only. Sadly, we also have a number of women in their 50s and 60s who for various reasons are trying to raise their grandchildren.

The largest number of clients are women, some in their teens, who are dependent upon A.F.D.C. payments. Many have two or three children and get payments of about 350 dollars a month.

Fortunately, some of our clients are just between jobs and after a few months

Happy Birthday!!!

November 5 - 11

Martha Christy (5), John Phillips (5),
Curt Miller (5), Tony York (5),
Cindy Moriarty (7), James Evans (7),
Nick Knappenberger (8), Marilyn
McDougle (11), and Beth Falb (11).

do not require our help any longer.

After telling you about our clients, I now have a request. Will you be generous and fill the food bank bags that you picked up last Sunday and bring them to church Nov. 6.

You do not have to limit yourself to the list of food on your bags. All of the basic foods are needed and personal items such as soap, shampoo and toothpaste are appreciated.

Thank you for your compassion and love for those who are not as well off as we are

Remember the Food Bank Sunday, Wes

P.S. We need your food bags, both plastic and paper.

P.P.S. Considering the season of giving is upon us, we would like you to take another bag Sunday and return it the next Sunday.

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Leotha Jones had hip surgery on Tuesday at Parkview Hospital.

<u>Lillian Busse</u> is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

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8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M. Hartman 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, L. Medlin, W. Bowen, J. Anderson

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Lynn Medlin

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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Noah Duncan & Elissabeth Olson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Kathy Blocher 10:45 a.m. Bill Franklin

CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:00 a.m. Stewardship Gathering

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:15 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Church School
9:30 a.m. Stewardship Gathering
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
12:00 noon Stewardship Gathering
4:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho raking leaves
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Gathering
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Women at Kathy Blocher's

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00 p.m. Aboite Co-Ed Life Group

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, NOV. 11-13

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Consecration Sunday - November 13

This Sunday during worship, we will consecrate the estimate givings that people will commit to the Lord's work for 1995.

Everyone should have received an estimate of giving card

in the mail or at one of the stewardship meetings. We hope everyone will use this week to reflect on what you will offer to do for God's ministry.

What will you give to reach a new generation for Christ?



Harvest Dinner following Second Service

We will have our Thanksgiving Dinner also this Sunday after the second service. There will be turkey

and all the fixings served, so come and be a part of the Fellowship.

Our youth will help serve the dinner.

If you have not made your reservations, please call the church office this week at 744-3239.

Youth to attend Inter-faith service

The First Christian youth has been invited by the Unitarian Universalist congregation to attend an Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service along with Temple Achduth Vesholom (Jewish Synagog) and other area congregations.

We will meet at the Temple, 5200 Old

Mill Road, at 5 p.m. for a tour of the Temple and a get acquainted time.

Please bring money to help pay for the pizza.

At 7 p.m., we will join the adults at the Unitarian meeting House for a worship service.

From Here to Zehr-

Thank you to Sam Hayes, Jim Bushey, Judy Church, Andy Cook and Gini Brown for preparing our stewardship meetings

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Erma Vanderwall fell and broke her leg. She will have hip surgery next Tuesday at Parkview Hospital.

Congratulations to Jeff & Shari Grier in the birth of Zachary on Nov. 3!

Leotha Jones is home from Parkview Hospital while Lillian Busse remains a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Our sympathy is with the family of **Chris Jackemeyer** who died last week and also **Marlo Quick** who was his elementary school teacher.

Our prayers are with Mark Snyder who is a home recovering from an eye injury last week

Our prayers are with Glenn & Lola Miller who are at home.

Please remember Margaret Leversee who recently fell and fractured her wrist. She will celebrate her 88th birthday on Nov. 22. Please send cards to Margaret at Markle Health Care, 5730 N. - 550 W. (Room 204), Markle, IN 4677Q.

this last week.

I hope you will make every effort to be in church this Sunday. The consecrating of our gifts for 1995 is a very important part of our spiritual commitment to Christ.

I frame our financial giving as a spiritual matter because I believe how we use our financial resources for our family, church and lifestyle is a reflection of our spiritual commitment

We always feel like we can do more, but let us rejoice in the gifts we are able to offer.

Give them with a cheerful heart, and God will receive them with joy!

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. The handbell choir is playing two special selections, and the choir will be in full voice. It looks to be a great Sunday.

Thanks given!

I wish to thank all those for their prayers and cards during the time of my recovery from my fall.

I am doing much better now.

- Dorothy Overmyer

Thanks to all who sent cards and visited me while I recuperated from surgery.

- Charline Craig

Opportunities for service outlined

Karen Bushey, chairperson of the Fellowship Committee, has asked that the youth lend a hand during the Harvest Dinner this Sunday, Nov. 13. by helping serve the dinners.

Teresa Hatten, chairperson of the Worship Committee, also has asked for help in decorating the church for Christmas.

She will be at the church at 9 a.m. on

Youth to attend CYF Assembly

The following youth, Josie Quick, Jennifer Shriner, Kristie Howard, Charlotte Ewing and the older youth. Pat Mullen will be attending the CYF Assembly in Bloomington next weekend.

Steve Sprinkle is the keynote speaker. We are looking forward to an inspiring and fun-filled time.

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Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26 for those interested in helping.

All are invited and encouraged to come and decorate the church for Advent season.

There is much work to be done, and everyone's help would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, the Worship Committee will be finishing the Christmas ornaments and decorations on Monday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. and would appreciate any assistance.

It is an honor to be asked to participate in the life of the church in this manner.

Worship Class for 2nd graders to be given upcoming Sundays

An Introduction to Worship class will be held for all second graders to help them understand how we worship and why we worship.

The classes will take place on Sundays, Nov. 13 and 20 during extended session.

Following this class, the children will receive their own Bible and will be welcomed into worship by the congregation.

Any older children who have not previously attended this class are invited to join us.

Outreach activities summerized for month



I realized the month of October was a busy month when I started page five of this letter for *Tidings*.

To keep from having all the *Tidings*

returned for insufficient postage, I decided I would just list all the activities and hope that everyone involved knows how much we as a committee appreciate your prayers and financial support.

The month of October was full of blessings and challenges. The seminar on who is welcome in our church dealt with the Gay and Lesbian community and the church.

Associated Churches was a moving moment for me. It showed that the conservatives and liberals could come together in the name of Christ to minister to a group who has not always felt welcome in our churches.

The following week we held our orientation for the Pen Pal/Friendly Listener program at Lindley Elementary School.

Then we had the musical "Lazarus" to start the week of activities to fight hunger. Other than getting lost in Indy in the middle of the night trying to find the hotel, "Lazarus" was great. Harriet and Lou Ann thought our church was doing neat things in our community.

All the school systems in Allen County (Public and Private) collected food for the Associated Churches Food Bank system the week of October 10th. Then on Oct. 16, hundreds of walkers raised over \$10,000 in the 1994 Crop Walk.

Then on Oct. 24, One Church - One Offender held its annual meeting. It was incredible to hear young people thanking the judges who sentenced them to our program for giving them a chance to know God in a very real way.

I was honored this past week to be able to help setup the quilt remembering all those who have died of AIDS. I know there were others from our church who volunteered as well.

Another event that took place in October was the formation of an alliance under the guidance of the Associated Churches to operate the Baby's Closet. This coalition has the potential for ministering to the unborn and the very young in a way not tried here in Fort Wayne before. We at First Christian helped make this ministry a reality.

The holidays are a tough time for the poor and needy, especially the children. They will need our prayers and support to help them know the love of Christ this holiday season.

Thank you. Please continue to pray for our church.

— Charlie Hatten

Teresa Hatten to coordinate Baby Closet



A Baby's Closet has recently come under the administration of Associated Churches as its newest ministry. Teresa Hatten has become its coordinator.

It continues to be a cooperative effort between First Christian Church. Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) as well as many other agencies and organizations that are involved in caring for the needs of women and children.

As most of you know, A Baby's Closet was created to improve the quality of life of Allen County's economically disadvantaged infants and toddlers by providing an incentive to parents to obtain early and continued prenatal care, childhood immunizations, well-child examinations, and nutrition and parenting classes. It also promotes self-sufficiency by encouraging literacy and GED classes.

Parents earn coupons for achieving mutually agreed upon goals and by attending classes and clinic appointments. They can then use them to purchase clothing and equipment for their children

A Baby's Closet appreciates the generosity of First Christian Church for the donation of space. A Baby's Closet depends solely upon the generosity of

others to stock and run this very special baby store.

At the present time it is in urgent need of the following items:

- ◆ Snowsuits and warm winter coats size 0 4T
- Warm sleepers and pajamas size 0
 4T
- Blankets
- Undershirts and diapers
- Toiletries such as diapers
- Toiletries such as diaper wipes, baby lotion, shampoo, powder, oil, etc.
- Cribs

Other items that are always needed include clothing size newborn to 4T (new or very gently used), playpens, highchairs, strollers, infant swings, potty chairs and a myriad of other things that are necessary for caring for an infant or young child

Donated items may be brought to the church. If you need items to be picked up, please call the church office at 744-3239 or Teresa Hatten at 447-2649.

Happy Birthday!!!

November 12 - 18

Diana Lesueur (12), Linda Breeden (13), Jewel Byrket (14), James Hudlow (14), John Proegler (14), Melissa Miller (14), Tom Meadows (16), Kathy Marvel (16), and Deb Miller (18).

SERVING NOVEMBER 13 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Ralph Church & Bob Hendricks 10:45 a.m. Dick Vanderwall & Charles Hatten

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. G. Brown, S. Knuckles, A. Knappenberger

10:45 a.m. A. Moll, W. Klepfer, C. Ewing, J. Mey, L. Berry, D. Heimann, L. Heimann, B. Smith

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Byrket, A. Cook 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, Db. Rinker, Dv. Rinker, K. Howard

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

No Coffee Hour - Harvest Dinner

ACOLYTES

Melissa Brey & Travis Crain

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Jack Weicker 10:45 a.m. Lisa Bond

CHURCH CALENDAR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

12:00 noon Harvest Dinner

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Men at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

7:00 p.m. Evangelism Callers Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group at Ralph & Judy Church's

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Early Deadline:
The deadline for information to be published in next weeks' Tidings will be Friday at 3 p.m.

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Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Service at Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 5310 Old Mill Road

This Sunday, Nov. 20, we will join with congregations from the Christian, Jewish, and Unitarian faith traditions for a Thanksgiving worship service to be held at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 5310 Old Mill Road.

The Rev. Dan Strobel, senior pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, will be the guest speaker. There will be a joint choir from the congregations singing two

special selections with members of our own choir participating.

This year, the service will be at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House. Their sanctuary is right beside the Jewish Temple also on Old Mill Road.

This is a great opportunity to come together, as all of God's children give thanks.

If you have never been to an interfaith service, you will experience a blend of Christian, Jewish, and Unitarian parts of the services.

Come and help build bridges between the faiths.

God Bless the Turkey!!!

Thanks to Karen Bushey and the Fellowship Committee, and Sam Hayes and the Stewardship Committee for an excellent Consecration/Harvest Dinner last Sunday.

Kevin Hege and the Bell and Chancel choirs did a great job in our worship service!

The day was a Sunday of celebration and good food!

God bless the Turkey.



From Here to Zehr

As we kickoff our Stewardship Campaign for 1995 - "Reaching a New Generation for Christ," below are some excellent points that Lyle Schaller suggest growing churches are offering to the unchurched.

"To the surprise of many, that generation born in the 1956-68 era has been coming back to church in remarkably large numbers.

This generation has a very high visibility in those congregations that (1) place a premium on quality in everything from preaching to the nursery to meeting rooms to internal communication, (2) offer

Joys o

As of Friday, Nov. 11

<u>Lillian Busse</u> is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Margaret Snouffer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Mark Snyder is at home recovering from an eye injury.

Erma Vanderwall had hip surgery on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Our prayers are with Art and Marge Thomas as Marge's mother is critically ill.

choices to people, (3) provide a strong and meaningful teaching ministry for adults, (4) find a place for contemporary Christian music and drama in corporate worship, (5) challenge people with high expectations, and (6) are open to creativity and innovation."

"The demand for meaningful adult Bible study by this generation born in the 1956-68 era may be the most attractive single entry point open to churches seeking to reach this group of younger adults."

Do these seem to make sense to you?

How can you help us to reach out to the new generation?

Let's keep the faith and keep going. Peace,

Jerry

P.S. If you have not sent your pledge into the church for our 1995 year, please do so as soon as possible. The Finance Committee is trying to put our budget together for the upcoming year.

You're invited...

You are invited to join us in wishing Margaret Leversee a very Happy 88th Birthday. We will celebrate Nov. 20th from 2 to 5 p.m. at Markle Health Care, 5730 N. - 550 W., Markle, Ind. Cake and punch will be served. We are asking that you bring a card or send one in celebration of her 88th birthday.

Opportunities for service outlined

Teresa Hatten, chairperson of the Worship Committee, has asked for help in decorating the church for Christmas.

She will be at the church at 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26 for those interested in helping.

All are invited and encouraged to

come and decorate the church for Advent season. There is much work to be done, and any assistance would be appreciated...

Lastly, the Worship Committee will be finishing the Christmas ornaments and decorations on Monday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. and would appreciate any assistance.

Youth to attend Inter-faith service this Sunday

The First Christian youth has been invited by the Unitarian Universalist congregation to attend an Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service along with Temple Achduth Vesholom (Jewish Synagog) and other area congregations.

We will meet at the Temple, 5200 Old Mill Road, at 5 p.m. for a tour of the Temple and a get acquainted time. Please

Pointsettias available again

Poinsettias will again be available this Advent season. They will be deep red in a gold foil covered pot with a white bow. The cost is \$9. They can be taken after the Christmas morning worship service or will be taken to a shut-in if left. Please indicate in whose honor or memory you wish to give the flowers and place the form and the money in the offering plate or mail it to the church office as soon as possible.

Name:

Given in honor of or in memory of:

bring money to help pay for the pizza.

At 7 p.m., we will join the adults at the Unitarian meeting House for a worship service.

Special thanks to CYF and their leaders who raked leaves for my mother. They did a tremendous job, and it is very much appreciated! Thank you! — Lois Finkhousen

D.M.A. group to see the Festival of Trees

The D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) group will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the Window Garden at 12 noon for lunch. At approximately 1.30 p.m., we will go to the Festival of Trees at the Embassy.

Cost is \$1.50 for the Festival plus your lunch at the Window Garden.

Reservations and money for the Festival are due at the church office by Thursday, Nov. 24.

SERVING NOVEMBER 20 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Bill Johnson & Bill Crouse 10:45 a.m. Jane Walsh & Dave Kreischer

BIACONATE & GREETERS
8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M. Arnold, B.
Hendricks, C. Davis

10:45 a.m. J. Mounsey, K. Place, E. Place, Db. Rinker, Dv. Rinker, B.

Glasgow, K. Bushey, J. Bushey

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Davis, S. Rudy 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, K. Place, E. Vandergriff, D.J. Rinker

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Mildred Hartman

10:45 a.m. Barbara Bond

CHURCH CALENDAR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho at the Temple

7:00 p.m. Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service at Unitarian-Universalist

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Women at Kathy Blocher's

7:30 p.m. Worship Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 p.m. Pat Mullen's PRC Meeting

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

7:30 p.m. Committees

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:45 p.m. Carillon

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. Aboite Co-Ed Life Group

- Birthdays

Nov. 19 - 25

Andrew Moll (20), Ressie Ehresman (20), Laura York (21), Nellie Buchanan (24), Joan Ott (25), & Marlene Crouse (25).

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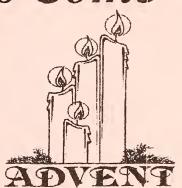
"Come Lord Jesus Come"

This is the theme of our Advent worship services in preparation for Christmas this year.

This Sunday, Nov. 27, we will have the "Hanging of the Greens" at the beginning of the worship services to help celebrate the beginning of Advent.

You will not want to miss worship this Sunday, as we see the sanctuary become beautifully decorated before our eyes.

The Rev. Zehr will bring the message, "Come to set us free" from John 8:36.



There's a Song in the Air Holiday Caroling on the Trolley Dec. 11 - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There is room for 34 folks with a song in their hearts (and hopefully a song to sing as well) to do some carolling and ride to our destination on a Fort Wayne Trolley, which we have reserved for the evening.

We will be visiting some of our homebound members and maybe a nursing home or two to share a holiday moment of love with some we do not often have a chance to see. In between stops, we will have hot chocolate and popcorn and will probably wish Fort Wayne a Merry Christmas as well. Cost is \$5 per person.

We will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and return by 8:30 p.m. It will be a great evening for all who come. Please make your reservations early for your place on the trolley.

From Here to Zehr—

Toronto was great!

We had a great time for our 10th anniversary — Diane and I decided to sign-up for another 10 years.

When we first got married, I was never one for celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, but Diane has helped me see the value of "celebrations".

They are a time of "marking the time," having a time of reflection and looking to the future. I hope you find something special in your life you can celebrate.

"Seize the Day" or "Just do it!"

This Sunday, we "celebrate" the beginning of Advent. Sometimes we find ourselves doing everything the same during the Christmas season but expect different results. It's like the saying Teresa Hatten gave me — "One definition of insanity is always doing the same thing the same way, but expecting different results..."

Why not try some way of Christmas differently, so it does not become too insane!

See you Sunday!

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Thanks to Pat Mullen and Bill Franklin for their leadership in the worship service Sunday while we were gone.

Angel Tree to be in Fellowship Hall; gifts to support children of immates

The Monday night Bible Study at the Allen County Jail continues to be a blessing to several men thanks to the ministry of Jake Smelser and Dave Rinker.

Most of these men are fathers. There is a total of 23 children among them ranging in ages 6 months to 14 years, but there is no visitation allowed by

children during the entire period of incarceration in the jail.

We would like to remember their children with a gift this Christmas.

There will be an Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall with an angel for each of these children. Each angel will have a child's name, age

and special wish if this is known.

Please take an angel from the tree and purchase a gift for that child. Label the gift and bring it to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, Dec. 18.

The Outreach and Service Committee thanks you for your concern for these children.

Upcoming mens' meeting announced

I am happy to report that the two men's cell groups have established themselves beautifully. We have an evening group which meets at Dick Mey's house on the second and fourth Monday's of the month as well as a Tuesday morning group which I think is at the church every week at 6:30 a.m.

We have 6 to 8 men in each group which I think is extraordinary for a starting point. Please feel free to join us in one of these two groups.

I have a vision for all men in our congregation to become involved at some level in our Mens' Ministries. We are considering some large congregational gatherings and perhaps even some work projects down the line a bit.

I would like to invite the men of First Christian to come out for an evening of fellowship and fun on Dec. 3 entitled Men's night out.

It consists of a 5 p.m. dinner at which Anthony Payton, Associate Minister of Greater Progressive Baptist Church, will be speaking on Reconciliation.

From there we will move to the Coliseum for the Fort Wayne Fury game

If you have not sent your pledge card in, please do so this week, as the Finance Committee will be meeting to prepare a final budget. We need to know what we can expect from all the members and friends.

at 7:35 p.m. I think this will be a great opportunity for our men to get together to build bridges in our church and community as well as enjoy some B-Ball.

I thought we would meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. on that Saturday and carpool up to the event. I know that the men in both of the cell groups are going to try to attend and it would be great to get a large turnout of all our Disciple Men for this unusual event.

Please call the church office to reserve a spot before Nov. 30 or see me

-Brian Prechtl

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Our sympathy is extended to <u>Bill & Ginny Johnson</u> in the death of Ginny's mother last week.

<u>Erma Vanderwall</u> is going home from Parkview Hospital this week after hip surgery.

<u>Lillian Busse</u> will go to Covington Manor Nursing Home this week.

<u>Charline Craig</u> is recovering from surgery at home.

Jo Weyer is undergoing a new cancer treatment.

Marke Snyder is at home recuperating from an eye injury.

L.I.F.E. cell group report given

Our L.I.F.E. Cell Group that meets at Ralph and Judy Church's house is studying the Gospel of John.

Last week, some of us tried our hand at paraphrasing portions of the prologue. One of our members, George Cole, did an outstanding job on his section, so we asked him to paraphrase the whole prologue.

We share it here for your edification. You are invited to join us on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

John 1:1-18

Paraphrased by George Cole



"There was always Christ with God, even before time was measured. Christ has always been with us — and actually is God himself!

Everything on earth was conceived and <u>created</u> by <u>Christ</u> - <u>God</u>. Christ's eternal life gives meaning to all — the light that shines through the darkness, which never can extinguish the light.

John the Baptist was first sent as a messenger of God to prove that Christ was the true light. John was the advance witness to Christ.

It then came time for the <u>Son</u> of God to arrive in the world for everyone. However, the world did not know its own Creator. His own people did not accept Him — very few welcomed Him. Those

who did accept Him became His children. All that was needed was their trust — the trust to be <u>Born Again</u> in a spiritual sense, as from the will of God

Jesus Christ lived as a human being among us and taught his loving ways and truth to us. His glory as the only Son of God shone on us all.

John proudly pointed Christ to the people and said, "Here is someone who is the greatest and who has eternal existed — He's coming to bless us — we will benefit immeasurably because of Him."

Moses had given us the rigid law to follow with its merciless justice. Jesus Christ added loving forgiveness in addition. No one but Christ, his Son, has ever seen God — But Christ has told us all about His Father!

Children sign-up for Christmas Party

During the two services on Dec. 18th, our drama troupe, the choir and our children will be presenting a Christmas play. We have roles for children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. If you would like your children to be involved, they would need to be at the church for two rehearsals: Sat. Dec. 3 - 9 to 10:30 a.m. and Sat. Dec. 17 - 9 to 10:30 a.m. and at both worship services on Sunday, Dec. 18. Please see Diane Zehr to sign up for this and invite your friends and family to be a part of the celebration.

Youth to study Angels

Have you ever thought you had a Guardian Angel? Who in your life has been an angel for you? Are you someone's angel?

We will be studying angels and who they might be at 6 p.m. on Sunday, **Dec. 4**. Your entrance



ticket to this event is a picture of an angel or an angel you use on the Christmas tree. Use your imagination, and we will see what kind of a collection we can make.

On Sunday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m., we will distribute angels that we make to some of our shut-in angels. We will do some caroling as well.

Then at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, we will have our Christmas Party (Watch for further details in upcoming *Tidings*).

Upcoming Youth Calendar

- ⇒ Nov. 27 No meeting Thanksgiving
- ⇒ Dec. 4 6 p.m. Angels Who are they? Ticket to meeting is a picture of an angel or an ornament.
- ⇒ Dec. 11 6 p.m. Visit our shut-in angels with gifts and song
- ⇒ Dec. 18 Christmas Party Details will come later.

Student Minister reflects on services

I appreciated the opportunity to serve from the pulpit this past Sunday. It was a scary and wonderful experience.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the grace and support you gave me. We will do it again real soon.

I also wanted to share with you my experience in taking part in the Inter-Faith Thanksgiving service at the Unitarian Meeting House.

For me, this was a very moving experience. We had people of the Jewish, Hindu, Black Muslim and Christian faiths worshipping and thanking God in unity.

So much candor has been vented upon this earth in the name of religion that it was inspiring for all of us to pray and sing together.

I would encourage all of you to attend and enjoy the 4th Annual Inter-Faith Thanksgiving service next year.

Surely, worshipping together is a major step in reconciliation.

- Pat Mullen

Truby sends note

Just a little not to tell you I am doing O.K. I am almost settled in now. I think I am going to like it here, as I'm enjoying my grandchildren. They took me to church last Sunday. It's a very small and friendly church, but I still miss you all.

-Grace Truby

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8:15 a.m. Kathy Graham & Mildred Hartman 10:45 a.m. Don Oden & Sue Oden

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Men at Dick Mey's 7:00 p.m. Media Task Force Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

12:00 noon D.M.A. luncheon at Window Garden and then to Festival of Trees

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:00 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Birthdays

Nov. 26 - Dec. 2

Mary Sue Ludwig (28), Ken Perkins (28), Barbara Bond (29), Lauren Ewing (30), Bethel Breeden (1)

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Holiday services outlined for December

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During both services on Sunday, <u>Dec. 18</u>, the Christmas musical, "The Presence of Christmas" will be performed.

The actors will be thespians from our own congregation. The actors will range in age from two to 72.

The cast will include animals and angels, singers and ringers, and a special character from the Bloomington campus known as "Big Red."

The musical will be filled with laughter and song that will enrich your heart during this Christmas season.



Christmas Eve Services

On Saturday, <u>Dec. 24</u>, First Christian will celebrate two Christmas Eve services. The "Family Service" will take place at 7 p.m. with a Candlelight service to follow later at 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

On Christmas Sunday, <u>Dec.</u>
25, we will celebrate Christ's birth with one service at 10 a.m. No Sunday School is planned.

From Here to Zehr-

Last week our church received a check for \$3,646 from the Ansel C. Worley estate.

Ansel had not been a member of First Christian for many years, since they moved out of state, but they still remembered the church in their Will. What a beautiful gift for the church to receive in this season of gift giving.

I was touched that even if Ansel had not been a part of this community over the last years, he still cared about the church and its ministry. This type of gift will have a lasting effect at First Christian, as do all of the gifts we receive for our memorial funds. We have been blessed by many people who have remembered the church in their Will, which is a gift that will have a lasting impact.

NOVEMBER 16, 1994

Thank you to Ansel and all who have contributed to our Memorial Fund

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Have you put the church in your Will?

There's a Song in the Air Holiday Caroling on the Trolley Dec. 11 - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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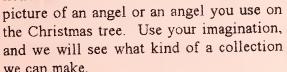
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Youth News Angel Tree to benefit Youth to study Angels children of prisoners

There will be an Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall with an angel for each child of a prisoner at the Allen County Jail participating in the Monday night Bible Study led by Jake Smelser and Dave Rinker.

Each angel will have a child's name, age and special wish if this is known.

Please take an angel from the tree and purchase a gift for that child. Label the gift and bring it to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, Dec. 18.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:00 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Birthdays Dec. 3-9

Neva Mennewisch(5), Ethel Richhart(6), Mildred Arruza(6), Phillip Bozarth(6), Sue Kerley(7), Brenda Proegler(7), Shelley Sendelbach(8), Clifton Bowman(9)

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"Servant Songs of Light" the Eve of Christmas 7 & 11 p.m.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

- Isaiah 9:2

...And that light of the love of God we know in Christ is never move beautifully celebrated than in Christmas Eve worship.

Readings from Isaiah, stories of servants who still bear the light of Christmas, and communion with the One who lights our way will fill out our sanctuary and hearts on this Holy Night.

ESPECIALLY FOR FAMILIES 7 p.m.

Our family service will be shorter. The worship procession and call to worship will be led by all our children and the Rev. Jerry Zehr.

In the sermon time, the Rev. Diane Zehr and the handbell ringers will involve all the children in making the beautiful music of Christmas. Together as families, we will share songs, stories, communion and lighting of candles.

Following the service, there will be birthday cupcakes for all to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

OUR 11 P.M. SERVICE

Choir, handbells, solos by Lori Crouter (Jerry & Diane's daughter) and Kevin Hege will proclaim the news of God alive among us. Carols, candles, communion and the warmth of Christmas tidings of joy will make this a service you will not want to miss. Come for one of these beautiful services, as both will be unique. Come let us adore Him.



Hey kids - don't forget your <u>Christmas</u> presentation practice this Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.
Trolley <u>Ride</u> and <u>Caroling</u> on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call the church at 744-3239 to reserve your spot.

From Here to Zehr—— "Random Acts of Kindness"

We have all heard the term - "random acts of violence". Now, there is a term called, "random acts of kindness".

Acts of kindness that do not lead to something or support something are actions on their own.

Gavin Whitsett, in his book, "Guerrilla Kindness" suggests the following:

- 1 "Tell you best friends that they are your best friends";
- 2 "Send flowers to your partner at his or her workplace";
- 3 "Return anything you borrow in better shape than when you receive it"; and

4 Consider leaving your body to a regional medical school."

I do not know if any medical school would want my body, but I think his idea of doing a random act of kindness is good.

Too often we do not do anything because we do not want it to grow into another commitment.

So just do an act of kindness with no hope of a return. Have some fun; surprise someone and feel good at the same time!

See you Sunday.

Peace, Jerry

Sunday, Dec. 11 is Food Bank Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 11 is Food Bank Sunday. We will be glad to have you bring food, but it is more important that you give money this month.

Someone has offered a matching grant of \$10,000 to the Associated Churches Food Bank program. The offer is extended only through 1994, so there is

little time to raise the matching money. Just mark your contribution to the Food Bank.

One reason for giving to the Food Bank is that your money this month is instantly doubled, and you are buying at wholesale prices. There are no administrative or

operating costs. All of your money buys food for the hungry in Allen County.

The best reason for giving is that you will be doing what Jesus asked when he said, "I was hungry and you gave me food."

Yours in Christ, Wes

Women's Cell Group ministry report:

The Women's Cell group began meeting on Oct. 17, 1994. We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month.

At the first meeting, we shared some of the reasons we wanted to try a new perspective to women's group. We went around the circle and each lady gave her ideas of what she wanted from this group.

This is what we found:

- 1. Come from business environment want to have new focus
 - 2 Nuture from other women
- 4. Networking with other women on common problems of the 1990s.
- 5. Biblical perspective of women and how it relates to us today
- 6. CWF is dying and wanted to try a different direction
- 7. Share other women's ideas and needs
 - 8. Prayer group
 - 9. Link to First Christian
- 10. Kids do not need anymore so wanted to find new challenges
 - 11. Different aspect of F.C.C.
- 12. Try something new and see where it leads
- 14. Overbooked wanted to take some time for self

It was decided that snacks and refreshments would be rotated through the group. No one person should have the responsibility all the time.

We are studying, "Sister Images" - women from the Bible and current day

woman paired up to show point of each lesson.

Prayer Vigil-circle to share prayer for each other and other persons in need at First and in personal lives. Prayer journaling was suggested, as well as daily prayer until we meet again.

- Kris Ohneck

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Concerts

<u>Earl Snouffer</u> will have hip replacement surgery this week at Lutheran Hospital.

<u>Lillian Busse</u> is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Jerry Zimmerman is recovering from shingles after a vacation in Florida.

Kathy Graham is recuperating from outpatient surgery last week.

Our continued prayers are with the following: Charline Craig, Glenn & Lola Miller, Leotha Jones, Mark Snyder, Erma Vanderwall, Warren Smart, and Samantha Walker (Kevin Hege's niece).

<u>Don & Linda Hobb's</u> daughter, <u>Penny</u>, had surgery.

Congratulations to <u>Darren & Amy</u>
<u>Williams</u> in the birth of <u>Ryan</u> on
November 30.

This & That you need to know

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Christmas Day offering to benefit kids

All across our church, regions are working with congregations in exciting ministries that offer light and hope in the midst of the darkness of our world. These ministries are supported by our Christmas Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance.

In the Greater Kansas City region, Camp Friendship is helping to expose inner-city children to the camping experience. Children from poor or abusive families, ages nine to 11, are treated to a visit to Camp Tall Oaks, 35 miles away from the city. Here, they receive encouragement, help, and hope for

the future.

Back in the city, the Together Center serves hundreds of inner city youth each year through an after-school and summer enrichment program. The drop-in center provides tutoring, homework help, drama, dance, creative writing, and other services designed to expand horizons and improve youth self-esteem.

Please join me, during this season of light and hope, in supporting ministries such as these through our Christmas Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance.

Give generously. Give hope.

P Youth News

Youth invited to ride Trolley

We have been invited to ride the Trolley for caroling on Sunday, Dec. 11. Because renting the Trolley requires money, we are asking for \$5 for the trip.

Please call the church office at 744-3239 to reserve a spot. The Trolley will leave from the church at 5:30 p.m. and will return at 8:30 p.m.

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I hope to see all of you to celebrate together Jesus' birth.

Revised Youth Calendar

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- ⇒ Dec. 25 Christmas No Meeting
- ⇒ Jan. 1 New Years No Meeting

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Appreciation given

I want to thank everyone who has surrounded Dick and me with such loving concern. The food, cards and calls made us feel we truly have a family at First Christian. Love to all....

- Dick & Erma Vanderwall

Pointsettias available again

Poinsettias will again be available this Advent season. They will be deep red in a gold foil covered pot with a white bow. The cost is \$9. They can be taken after the Christmas morning worship service or will be taken to a shut-in if left. Please indicate in whose honor or memory you wish to give the flowers and place the form and the money in the offering plate or mail it to the church office as soon as possible. Name:

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CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. Practice for Christmas Play

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Men at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

11:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle at Mary Sue Ludwig's

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 p.m. Aboite Co-Ed Life Group

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:00 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

- Birthdays

Dec. 10-16
Bill Franklin(10), Sara Davis(12),
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The Presence of Christmas

The story of a family who learns the difference between the presents of Christmas and the presence of Christmas



December 18-8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service 7 p.m.

This service is designed especially for families with children. We will also have communion and the lighting of candles as we sing Silent Night.

Candlelight, Carols and Communion 11 p.m.

Kevin Hege, a classical guitarist,

will set the tone for the service playing beautiful Christmas music at the beginning of the service.

The Rev. Jerry Zehr will have a special Christmas message, and Chancel Choir will sing praises to God through music. The service will end with communion and the lighting of candles as we bring the light of Christ into the world.

From Here to Zehr-

Here we go — to and fro — Yes, it's Christmas time, and everyone I talk to is very busy! I've decided this year to simplify my Christmas activities. I will not do extra projects if I find myself resenting them.

What is the use of having Christmas if we are too busy to enjoy it! Be free! Be hopeful! Be obedient to God's word! These are the themes of our Advent. Let us hear those words.

We had 27 people go along on the trolley ride Christmas caroling last Sunday. It was a great time, and we enjoyed seeing some of our homebound folks. The only bad thing was we could not get to everyone because of the time.

DECEMBER 14, 1994

Thanks to Karen Bushey and Diane Zehr for setting up the activity.

See you Sunday.

Peace. Jerry

Special thanks given for 100th celebration

I am writing on behalf of my mother, Edna Vaught, who wishes to thank everyone who participated in the celebration of her 100th birthday. Mother received such beautiful cards, numbering more than 75, most of them from her friends at First Christian. She loved the thoughtful messages, but had no idea that people cared so much. And, she was delighted with the beautiful red roses.

Rev. Zehr, it was so thoughtful of you to arrange the recording of the October 9 morning worship service. Mother has looked at listened to the video twice with total enjoyment and may do so many more times in the future. My mother has spoken wistfully of how much she misses being in her own church each Sunday morning to worship among her long-time friends.

As you may know, my mother was brought to the church with her twin

brother when they were about four years old. She attended through the years, was baptized about age 16, and met my father when they were in Christian Endeavor together. Mother's life was bound up in the church through all of the years.

When it became evident that the church needed to move from its location at Jefferson and Fairfield, my parents were among those faithful who worked and sacrificed to make the new building a beautiful reality. It is no wonder that she was touched as, once again, she was able to be part of a worship service "at home".

Many thanks to you and all who made it possible. Thanks so much for continuing to send the Tidings. Mother likes to keep up on the doings at the church, and she always looks forward to news of friends.

> May God bless you and keep you, Agnes Stauffer

Food Bank needs your financial help

The Associated Churches Food Bank system needs your financial help!

Someone has offered a grant of \$10,000, but we must match it by the end of 1994.

With the matching grant and the warehouse buying wholesale, your dollar buys more than \$2.50 worth of food. You cannot match this deal, when you buy "two for the price of one."

Please be generous, and make your donation to the Food bank. We will make sure it gets to the Associated Churches.

Your's in Christ,

Wes

P.S. We have a desperate need for volunteer workers at the Food Bank. If you can work only one day a month, it will help. Our hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Updated This & That you need to know

Christmas Tape now available

The Concert Choir at Snider High School has Christmas produced a album that was underwritten by Delta Records of Chicago. Tapes are now available for \$10 each For more information, contact Charlotte Ewing at 493-1587

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- ♥ BobbieDawe inmemoryof hermother,MarieShipley.
- ♥ Susan Webb in

memory of Jim Webb.

- ▼ Jim & Barbara Bond in memory of their grandmothers.
- ▼ Ralph & Judy Church in memory of Nick Keirn.
- ▼ Mark Snyder in memory of Pauline Snyder.
- ♥ Carole Davis in honor of three children, Craig, Brenda, Anne and families.
- ▼ The Ewing Family, Chuck, Lauren, Charlotte and Claire in memory of Neva Ewing and Lawrence Wood.
- ▶ Harriett Alyce Cole in memory of Romane H. Cole.
- ♥ Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of their daughter, Linda Kirtley.
- ♥ Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of their good friend, Jeanne Feltenberger.
- ♥ Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of Bill & Mamie Caldwell.

- ◆ Ed & Sue Allen in memory of Greg Allen.
- ◆ Dave Kreischer in memory of Arabella Kreischer.
- ♥ Pat Booher in honor of Tyler McCoy.
- ♥ Laurie & Scott Berry in memory of Papa Hackworth.
- ◆ Kristi Brown in memory of Robert T. Brown.
- ♥ Genevieve Ripple and Wanda Ingmire
- in memory of Rolland Ripple and Carolyn Bernhard.
- Andy Cook
- ◆ Mrs. Arthur Mowery and Family in memory of Arthur Mowery.
- ♥ Dick & Diane Mory in honor of Lou Simmons.
- ◆ Mary Wilhelm in honor of grandsons.
- ◆ Phyllis Hipp in memory of her mother.
- Charles & Jean McGrew in honor of their children.
- ▼ Kathy Marvel in memory of her brother, Dan Allmon.
- ♥ Ron & Caren Wise
- in memory of Geraldine Hendrickson.



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Youth News Christmas card greetings received in church office

The following persons have sent Christmas cards or greetings into the church office for the congregation to read:

Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward John & Brenda Kelly Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman Mary Wilhelm John & Kris Ohneck Don & Valetta Parlette

The cards will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall by the stage.

Happy Birthday!!!

December 17-23

Graham Baughman (17), Warren Smart (18), Jacob Smelser (18), Tim Knuckles (19), Diana Blomeke (20), Tammy Ott (20), Mickieann Suder (22), & Elaine Parrot (22).

Joys

Marge Mitchell is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 p.m. Life Group for Women at Kathy Blocher's

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle

7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

7:00 p.m. Pat Mullen's PRC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 p.m. Co-Ed Life Group at Church's

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00 p.m. Carillon 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. Family Worship Service 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service

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The Decree

by Ann Weems

And in these days a decree goes out to all the world.

for these are taxing times.

We are all called again to go to Bethlehem, no matter the state of our health or our world.

> We come, obedient and faithful, for we have heard the message, we have dreamed the dream

> > that God will come to dwell among us.

We come, expectant with joy, pregnant with anticipation,

for God has done great thing for us.

We come searching for a sign;

bearing our gifts, we come.

We come, called from the silent hillsides of our hearts,

startled and frightened by the magnitude of light, we huddle together toward Bethlehem.

We come, one by one, and yet, as one, dancing into the Promise.





From Here to Zehr

What a wonderful worship service last Sunday! The children did a great job, the bells were beautiful, and the choir was wonderful.

The beginners class as angels were a big hit and the little nursery animals were delightful. The actors did a great job. Thanks especially to Diane Zehr for her contribution in helping me write the musical and being chief prop person. Thanks also to: Laura Bowser, Laura McFarland, Diane Bohlen, Anne Moll,

Deb Rinker, and Lori Vandergriff for all their help.

On Christmas Day our daughter Lori will be here from college to sing. I have convinced Diane that she should join us as a trio, so the Von-Zehr family will sing a special Christmas selection on Christmas Day!

This might be better than the sermon!

Peace, Jerry

Take special note



ELDERS & DEACONS

If you have not turned in your postcard with dates of when you cannot serve, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 1, 1995 at 9:30 a.m.

NEW NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the newsletter are due into the church office by Monday at noon for the week you'd like your article in.

Christmas tape available

Snider High School's Concert Choir has produced a Christmas tape. It is now available for \$10. For more information, contact Charlotte Ewing at 493-1587

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Our sympathy is extended to the family of <u>Vera Watson</u> in the recent death of her mother, <u>Kate Lepper</u>.

Our sympathy is extended to <u>Tim & Diana Norton</u> in the recent death of Tim's grandfather last week.

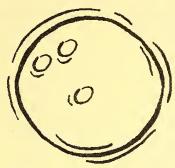
Bob Smith celebrated his birthday last Saturday, Dec. 17. It was inadvertently left off of our records. Hope you had a "Happy Birthday" Bob.

If you have a Joy and/or Concern, please notify either Jerry or Diane, or call the church office at 744-3239.

First Christian Men's Bowl Day Jan 2

As the Christmas Holidays wind down, an uncommon phenomenon occurs in many households— Men gravitate toward the television as the parade of college bowl games begin. As this occurs many wives gravitate away from their husbands for the same reason

Nevertheless as men we realize the importance of preserving this sacrosanct holiday tradition. To this end we are declaring Monday, Jan. 2, First Christian Men's



Bowl Day. It is an opportunity for the men of our congregation to come together in a relaxed setting to enjoy some food, fellowship and football!

We will start about 1 p.m. on Jan. 2 at Dick

Mey's house and plan to eat at about 4 or 4:30. Dick lives at 10330 Tillman Road.

Just take Tillman Road east. His house is exactly 1 mile past the bypass (469) on the right (493-3993).

Bring some money because we will be ordering pizza.

Other snacks will be provided. If you want anything special to drink you should bring that as well.

Christmas holiday services reminder given

Three special Christmas services have been planned this weekend.

Two Christmas Eve services will be held - the Family Service at 7 p.m. and a Candlelight, Carols & Communion Service at 11 p.m.

The Rev. Jerry Zehr will have a special Christmas messge and the Chancel Choir will sing praises to God through music during the second service.

Then on Christmas morning, Dec. 25, we will have a combined service at 10 a.m.
There will be no Sunday School.



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- ♥ Susan Webb in memory of Jim Webb.
- ▼ Jim & Barbara Bond in memory of their
 grandmothers.
- Ralph & Judy Church in memory of Nick Keirn.
- Mark Snyder in memory of Pauline Snyder.
- Carole Davis in honor of three children, Craig, Brenda, Anne and families.
- The Ewing Family, Chuck, Lauren, Charlotte and Claire - in memory of Neva Ewing and Lawrence Wood.
- Harriett Alyce Cole in memory of Romane H. Cole.
- Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of their daughter, Linda Kirtley.
- Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of their good friend, Jeanne Feltenberger.
- Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of Bill & Mamie Caldwell.
- ▼ Ed & Sue Allen in memory of Greg Allen.

- Dave Kreischer in memory of Arabella Kreischer.
- Pat Booher in honor of Tyler McCoy.
- Laurie & Scott Berry in memory of Papa Hackworth.
- Kristi Brown in memory of Robert T. Brown.
- Genevieve Ripple and Wanda Ingmire - in memory of Rolland Ripple and Carolyn Bernhard.
- Andy Cook
- Mrs. Arthur Mowery and Family in memory of Arthur Mowery.
- Dick & Diane Mory in honor of Lou Simmons.
- Mary Wilhelm in honor of grandsons.
- Phyllis Hipp in memory of her mother.
- Charles & Jean McGrew in honor of their children.
- Kathy Marvel in memory of her brother, Dan Allmon.
- ▼ Ron & Caren Wise in memory of Geraldine Hendrickson.
- Donna & Leo Heimann in honor of Dustin.
- Bill & Joan Franklin in memory of Joan's father, Floyd Fruitt.
- John & Jo Weyer in memory of their families.

The Youth Group had a fun Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 18.

We ate and played, ate and exchanged white elephant gifts, and ate and collected items for the Baby's Closet.

We would like to take this time to thank Jennifer Mounsey for all that she does for us. Thanks so much Jen.

From the Youth Group of First Christian Church, we wish you all a blessed Christmas and a great New Year.

Youth Calendar

- ⇒ Dec. 25 Christmas No Meeting
- ⇒ Jan. 1 New Years No Meeting



To those of the choir who were on the Trolley Sunday, Dec. 11, thank you for stopping at our house with carols. We really enjoyed. God bless each and every one of you. Thank you Jerry and Diane.

-Jo and John Weyer

I would like to thank all of the carollers who came to sing to me last Sunday. It was much appreciated.

-Lillian Busse

Youth News Christmas Holiday Services

Christmas Eve

Family Service - 7 p.m. Candlelight, Carols,

& Communion - 11 p.m.

Christmas Day

Combined Service 10 a.m.

More Christmas greetings recieved in church office

More persons have sent Christmas card greetings into the church office for the congregation to read:

Mildred Linn; Evelyn Yeoman; Glenn & Lola Miller, Jack & Sue Brickley, Earl & Ruth Plummer: Bill & Joan Franklin: Richard, Marlo, & Josie Quick; Kratzat Family, The Vandergriffs, Estel, Lori & Paige; The Tharp Family; John & Jo Weyer; Merle & Betty Grimm; Ken & Jan Nunn; Harold & Ruby Cline; Don & Sarah Smith; Miriam Bixenman & Peggy Buskirk; Ralph & Judy Church; & Charlie & Teresa Hatten. These greetings and others are posted in the F.H. by the stage.

CWF selling Pecans

CWF will be selling pecans again this year. The cost for a one-pound bag of pecans is \$5.50. Someone will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays for you to purchase them from, or you may see anyone in CWF for your purchase.

SERVING DECEMBER 25 ONE SERVICE - 10:00 A.M. ELDERS

10:00 a.m. Dick Mey & Dave Kreischer DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:00 a.m. M. Mullen, J. McGrew, Db. Rinker, Dv. Rinker, D. Heimann, L. Heimann, J. Bushey, K. Bushey
USHERS

10:00 a.m. C. McGrew, Dv. Rinker, Db. Rinker, J. Anderson

COMMUNION PREPARATION McFarland's & C. Ewing

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Bob & Bev Hendricks

Team II - Don & Sue Oden
EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Sue Brey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

No Coffee Hour

ACOLYTES

Noah Duncan & Claire Ewing

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

10:00 a.m. Donna Heimann

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. Family Worship Service 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. One Worship Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

1:00 p.m. Men's Bowl Day at Dick Mey's 7:00 p.m. Teacher's Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

12:00 noon D.M.A. Potluck

Birthdays

December 24-31

Bill Crouse(24), Michael O'Laughlin(24), Elizabeth Dull(26), Carolyn Falbe(26), Michele Reeves(27), Marsha Busse(27), Sarah Smith(28), Paul Fisher(28), John Mathis(28), Lucille Branstrator(29), Marie Adelman(29), Todd McBride(31)

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